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BETWEEN OURSELVES

Well, I am still trying to figure out why in God's name I cannot read one page of YANKEE DOINGS instead of finishing the whole dam'd thing in one reading. After all, I suppose I am like a whole lot more YD guys. Who knows, maybe, I am living in hope of coming across the name of that Highbrow Lieutenant, who said to me, "Go ahead, have a smoke, to hell with them, maybe, you will be dead tomorrow." Then again, I may be hoping and praying to come across that Buddy's name whom I carried into the first aid station. I wonder if he is still living, I wonder, if so, what a mess.

No kidding, I get a great kick out of YANKEE DOINGS, it is a great little magazine and may it live forever. The first page of last month's issue hit the nail right on the head. It struck at a time when we need it most.

I enjoyed that article — quote — "And that again reminds us of the acidulous comment made recently in a prominent weekly — 'Boston is a City owned by the Unitarians and run by the Roman Catholics.' Then again, the classics of classics, known from Sitka to Singapore. 'Here's to dear old Boston. The land of the bean and the cod. Where the Cabots speak only to the Lowells. And the Lowells only to God.' "

Well, Mr. Editor, in every race and every creed we will always have a few who will be known to some as the almighty. I think you will agree with me that we have right in our organization, the YD that is, they should be in it a whole lot of YD men who today consider themselves just a little bit too good for the YD of 1940. If I were to re-write the Classics as published in last month's issue I would word it thusly: "Here's to dear old Boston. The land of the bean and the cod. Where hundreds of

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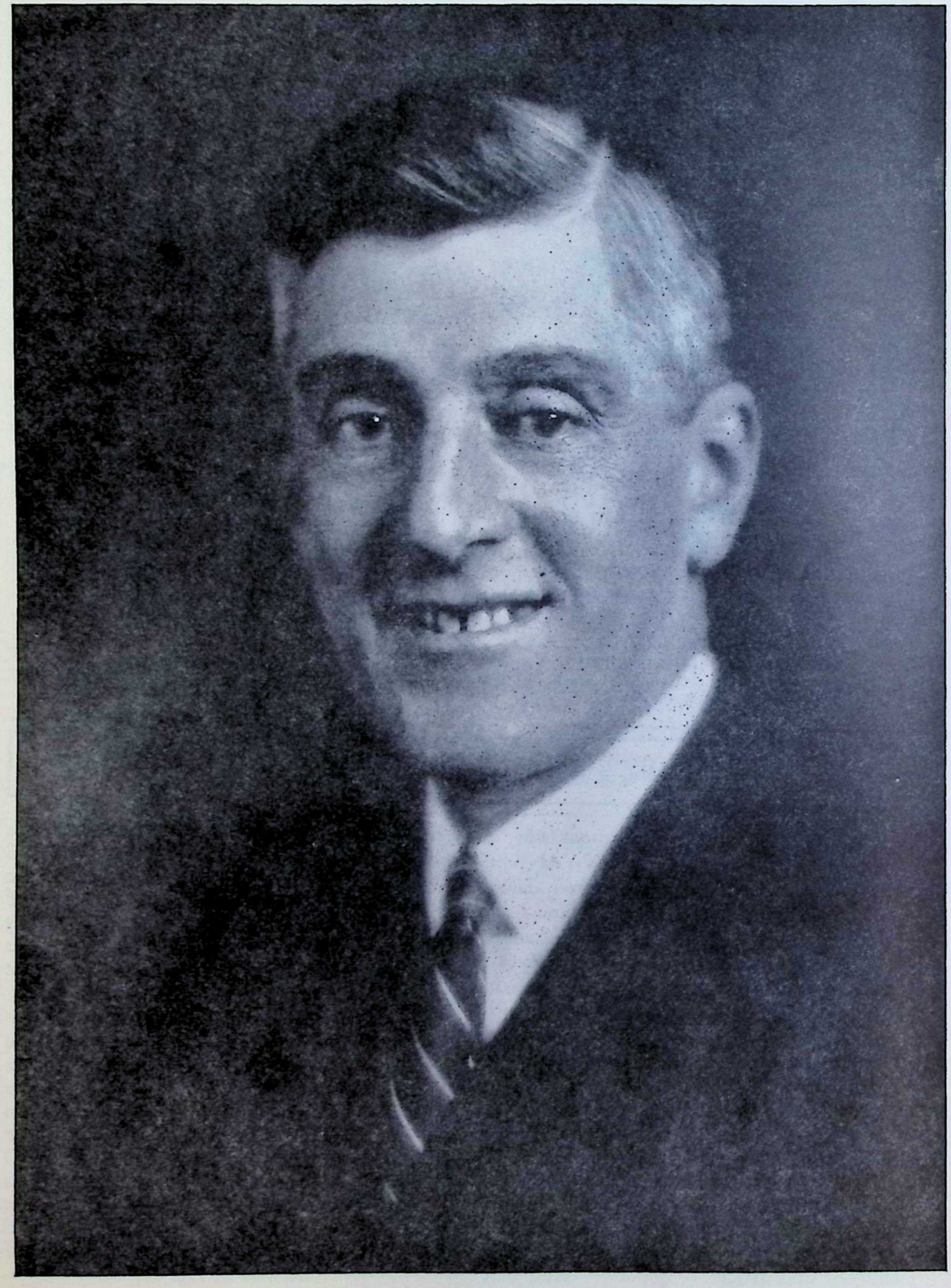

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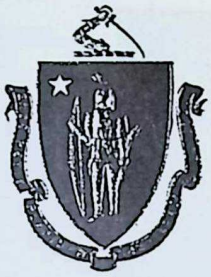

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
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April 22, 1940

Veterans of the 26th Division:

Welcome to Massachusetts!

To the official invitation of the Commonwealth, I add my own warmest personal hope that you will come in full strength to the YD Convention in June. I trust that you will bring your wives and families. A warm welcome and a good time await you.

Above all, in such a world crisis, the voice of veterans carries great authority. A full-turn out will be a patriotic service.

Leverett Saltonstall

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Governor of Massachusetts

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MAYOR

April 25, 1940

Veterans of the 26th Division:

Greetings:

As Mayor of Boston, I extend to you our heartiest greetings of welcome and voice the sentiment of all our citizens that your visit with us be happy and enjoyable, and that the memory of your stay will linger long and warmly in your hearts.

The delegates and friends of your organization will enjoy visiting Boston's wealth of historic shrines, its educational and cultural institutions, and sharing the wonders of the natural vacation attractions of this section of New England.

The sincerity of Boston's hospitality, and a welcome that has gathered warmth for over three hundred years await you. Your delegates and friends are our guests, and the best we have is yours.

Sincerely,

Maurice J. Tobin

Mayor.

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REUNIONS AND DINNERS AT THE CONVENTION

SIGNAL CORPS NOTICE!

The 101st Signal Bn. Veterans Ass'n. will have a reunion dinner, Saturday, June 8th, at 8:00 P. M. AL THOMPSON and JIM NOLAN have the tickets at $1.50 each and can be reached anytime at the YD Club.

MACHINE GUNNERS ATTENTION !

The officers of the 102nd Machine Gun Battalion Association find that they have a Surplus in their Treasury. Certainly that is something and with that Surplus they are planning a bang-up party for all 102nd Machine Gun Battalion men during the YD Convention in Boston, June 6, 7 and 8.

First, they will have a Suite of Rooms located at the Westminster Hotel, next door to the Copley Plaza Hotel, YD Convention Headquarters. Next, they are going to have a Bang-Up battalion reunion on Saturday, June 8, with a real Hotchkiss machine gun on display.

Plenty of time and thought is being put into this party by all your officers and it will be the largest turn-out of 102nd Machine Gun Battalion men since the war. You will have headquarters at all times where you can find your friends day and night.

In the Convention magazine there will be a full page telling you exactly where these headquarters are.

YOU — YOU — and you Must plan to attend this Boston Convention. It will be the largest the YD has ever had and the largest and best the 102nd Machine Gun Battalion has ever enjoyed and they must be well represented.

101st SANITARY TRAIN ASS'N. REUNION

For years complaints have been loud and numerous that no plans for organization of the several units of the 101st Sanitary Train had ever been made. The identity and war time associations of other YD units were kept alive through the years by organization and reunions.

At conventions, this lack of organization was acutely felt. That long-looked-forward-to reunion trip — oft times made at great sacrifice — many times failed to bring together old buddies who were perhaps in town but who never met because of failure to provide means of registration and plans to get together for a reunion. The answer to that need materialized in Hartford last year in the formal organization of the 101st Sanitary Train Association. Officers were duly elected for the ensuing year. To them was entrusted the responsibility of making appropriate arrangements for the YD Convention in June.

Several meetings have been held by the officers, as a result of which the most important question has been settled — the place in which to hold our reunion. The Westminster Hotel, opposite Convention Headquarters, the Copley Plaza, is the site. Although keeping the tariff down to a minimum, $2.00 a copy, the menu offers a wide range of selection.

Plans are being made for 250, which indicate at the moment that tentative arrangements for an overflow may become a reality.

Here is the moment you have been looking forward to — whether you were a litter bearer or a pill roller — the chance to fight the war again with not only your own gang but the fellows you knew in the other ambulance companies and field hospitals. Seven outfits and Train Headquarters were well represented in Hartford. We hope to establish a record this year for others to shoot at in the years to come.

Spread the word along to every Sanitary Train man you know. Urge him to come to Boston! Register at Sanitary Train Headquarters, Copley Plaza.

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19 West Broadway, So. Boston,
101st Field Hospital.

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Police Hdqrs., Cambridge,
101st Ambulance Co.

101st FIELD ARTILLERY REUNION

A reunion and dinner is to be held in connection with the YDVA National Convention at the City Club of Boston on Saturday, June 8th at 6.30 P. M. Price is $2.00 per copy. Notices are to be mailed at a later date.

The regimental history is now in the printers' hands and a notice of how to get one is also being printed at this writing and will be sent to each and every member of the regiment whose address we have.

HARRY J. WHITE "D" has started his own General Sporting Goods Service at 8 Bosworth St., Boston, Mass. Harry had been with the Iver Johnson Sporting Goods Co., for twenty-five years before starting in on his own hook.

Am sorry to hear that Dr. MERRITT F. GARLAND "C" is on a milk diet, but it can't be so bad for he is working on the National Professional Convention that comes to Boston soon after the Y.D.V.A. Dr. GARLAND is President of the Massachusetts Chiropody Association.

Had a letter from L. M. PERKINS "F" from Cleveland, Ohio with pictures of YD auto signs. We have some fine YD auto insignias at the YD Club in Boston.

JOE CIPRIANO "B" is at the Soldiers Home in Chelsea and is or was a very sick man.

"Trot" CHANDLER "C" was a recent visitor to the YD Club in Boston having dropped in from "Cat Island", Georgetown, So. Carolina. He has registered for the Convention.

— BENJAMIN JAMES.

CONVENTION NOTES

A continuous three days' round of reunions, entertainment and recreation are in prospect for those who attend the "Second Home Coming of the Yankee Division," to be held in Boston, June 6, 7 and 8. Don't miss it!

Present to join with you at this most happy occasion will be the largest number of YD veterans assembled since the war. They are coming from Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago and even as far West as Los Angeles. Altogether it is estimated that upwards of 25,000 of the 50,000 members who passed through the Division, many of them with their families, will be present.

The Convention will formally open Thursday afternoon, June 6th, with the annual business meeting of the YDVA at the Copley Plaza Hotel, the headquarters of the Convention. The ball game at Fenway Park or the horse races at Suffolk Downs will probably be the attraction for those not interested in the business session.

That evening all hands will assemble at Mechanic's Building for the biggest indoor get-together in the history of the Division. "The Yankee Division in France," is the name of the show to be presented. It will consist of an elaborate program of entertainment including a dozen well arranged boxing bouts among the leading amateur pugilists in New England. No pulling punches in these bouts.

Celebrities at Ringside

Present at the ringside in addition to Governor Leverett Saltonstall and Mayor Maurice J. Tobin will be all of the leading figures of the wartime Division as well as several hundred of Boston's outstanding business and professional men, educators, society people, etc. A limited number of seats will be sold to the general public at one dollar per copy. All who register for the convention will find a free ticket in their souvenir packages.

Following a brief business session on Friday, sight-seeing trips to Greater Boston scenic, educational and historical points will be in order. Concord, Lexington, Plymouth Rock, Dorchester Heights, Bunker Hill, the Old North Church, Paul Revere's Home, Harvard College, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston Harbor are only some of the places awaiting with open arms to welcome the Division back home.

Friday evening a most spectacular fireworks and anti-aircraft display will be staged in the vicinity of Boston's famous Charles River esplanade. EDWARD J. (Knocko) MCCORMACK, the inimitable impresario, is arranging this event with the co-operation of the Massachusetts National Guard. If "Knocko's" plans run per schedule the "Conventioneers" and their guests will witness the most unique and interesting display of pyrotechnics yet seen in these parts. Already he has arranged for a barge to sail up the river accompanied by fireboats and other watercraft bombing the shores with brilliant multicolored lights.

During the program, the anti-aircraft unit of the Mass. National Guard, will give a demonstration of the most modern methods used in repelling enemy aircraft. A band concert will also be held in conjunction with the event.

Boston's Best Parade

Following the fireworks display, the annual military ball of the YDVA will be staged in the main ballroom of the Copley-Plaza Hotel. JAY RISEMAN (YD) and his orchestra will furnish the music. Tickets for the affair will be found in the souvenir packages. "Al" BARNARD, chairman of the Ball Committee, claims it will be the swankiest dance ever staged by the Boston Club.

Saturday morning, there will be the annual contest among the Junior YD fife and drum corps. It will be held on historic Boston Com-

mon in the presence of thousands of Bostonians and Convention guests. Several valuable prizes will be awarded.

In the afternoon, all New England is expected to converge on Boston to witness the annual parade. One of the features of this year's turnout will be the presence in the line of march of the new Yankee Division. Adjutant General EDGAR C. ERICKSON, chairman of the parade committee, says that from the standpoint of color and variety, it will be Boston's best parade.

Saturday evening has been set aside for Regimental and other unit reunions. Already several of the Division's units have engaged leading hotels and restaurants to accommodate their needs. FRANK W. COPPINGER, chairman of banquets is prepared to co-operate with any units desiring to secure similar arrangements.

Several Battleships Coming

On Sunday a spectacular maritime parade and other aquatic events will be staged in Boston harbor. Reserved seats have been arranged for all those attending the Convention.

One of the features of the harbor exercises will be the presence of the several battleships coming to Boston in honor of the Yankee Division. Among the ships assigned to come are the Cruiser Vincennes and two torpedo boat destroyers. Veterans attending the Convention are invited to visit and inspect the warcraft.

Reams and reams could be written about the details that are being steadily arranged to assure the Convention's success. Suffice it to say however, that under the sturdy leadership of Chairman BEN JAMES, all committees are functioning with typical YD efficiency and enthusiasm, and from all present indications the Second Home-Coming of the Yankee Division will go down in the annals of the YDVA as one of the best planned re-unions in its history.

— PAUL HINES, Chairman,
Publicity Committee.

BETWEEN OURSELVES

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YD men still speak to one another. While a few speak only to God."

True, Mr. Editor, in 1918 we were one big happy family, where men were men for what they done and not for what they were. Yes, in 1918 we were Machine Gunners, Doughboys, Perfume Pickers, Dog Robbers, Artillery Experts, Runners and God knows what. In fact, we were anything, just depending upon what we were called to do. Regardless of our rating we were just soldiers standing shoulder to shoulder fighting for what was known as Democracy.

You're right, Mr. Editor, the long trek from Chemin des Dames to the Argonne brought together the greatest collection of humanity that ever served under one man, a man, General Edwards, who tried to instill into us the thought that men were men for what they done and not for what they were. Sure, Mr. Editor, Percy Highbrow and Johnny Lowbrow marched, slept, ate and fought together. The mud, the filth and the lice showed no favorites. The same cooties that played hop-scotch on Johnny Lowbrow's back hopped over to Percy Highbrows for a game of ping pong. Sure Mr. Editor, when Heinie's Barrage or his machine guns played a tattoo the highbrows and the lowbrows clung together in the same trench or shell-hole hoping and praying that there number wasn't up.

Sure, Mr. Editor, I like to glory in the days of 1918, so do you, when men were men for what they done and not for what they were. Sure, when Father This and Chaplain That administered to us as soldiers fighting as one. True, we were in a sense, Catholic, Protestant and Jew. Sure, when Mike or Pat wanted to go to Mass, who volunteered to do his guard. Well, you know, Percy the Baptist or Abe the Jew. When Percy had to go to services Pat and Mike were always ready for relief. When the Rabbi didn't get around you could always find Abe the Jew, arm in arm going to listen to either Pat or Percy's God. Sure, Mr. Editor, that was in the good old days of '18 when men were men for what they done and not for what they were.

Hear yea, hear yea, all YD men. Once again you are being called to the colors, not for what you were, but for what you done. No, no, we are not asking you to shoulder a gun but we are asking you to brush the cobwebs of your hat as underneath you will find — what? "The spirit of 1918", something you have been looking for, for the past twenty years. The men who fought with you in '18 are once again fighting for you. No. no, Buddy, they can't do it alone, they need your help now like you needed theirs in 1918. It don't make any difference whether you be a Catholic, Protestant or a Jew. Remember Buddy, our ranks have thinned so we need you now more than ever. That's right Buddy, dig down in your jeens and come up with a couple of bucks, that is, if you have it. If you haven't got it come anyway as we want

every YD man in line. In 1918 you showed old Heinie what you could do. In 1940 we want you to show old Boston what you can do. Sure Buddy, get here somehow and show your appreciation toward the men who are still fighting for you, not for what you are or were, but for what you done.

No, no, Buddy, G — d — it, no. We don't want you to stand on the sidelines and say, I once belonged to that outfit. True Buddy, how did you guess, you're right, we need you worse now than ever we did. Please Buddy, don't stand there and watch us go marching by, as deep down in our hearts we will know that your own heart will be a-fluttering and the tears streaming down your face. You're right Buddy, we know how it feels to be a slacker. Many a-time during the past twenty years we have stood there, but for God's sake don't do it this time. This coming convention and parade is going to be one of the best that Boston has seen since Adam was a baby. No, no, you are not too old to walk, remember, you fell down many a time in 1918. Who picked you up? Well, the same guy who picked you up in '18 will pick you up again, yes, a YD man.

Hear yea, hear yea, all YD men. This may be our last big fling so make this parade and convention something to talk about. We done it in '18, we can do it in '40. True Buddy, once again we are going to be on the march. When you get the command, "Eyes right", look a little further beyond as in that blue horizon will be sitting our unseen audience, yes, that great body of YD men, your buddy and my buddy, may God have mercy on their souls. Yes, Buddy, they will hear the command, "Eyes right" — well, you know the rest and once again we will look into one another's eyes and say, "Here's to dear old Boston. The land of the bean and the cod. Where all YD men still cling together. And all of them speak to God.

I remain, yours in comradeship,
Hinky Dinky, Providence, R. I.

110th CAVALRY, M.N.G. TO EXPAND

The 110th Cavalry, Massachusetts National Guard, which carries on the history and tradition of the 102nd Machine Gun Battalion, will soon expand to a complete regiment, if plans passed by the National Guard Bureau and sent to the Secretary of War meet with approval.

In anticipation of the assignment of three new troops that will give the horse regiment the first complete cavalry regiment in the history of the state, the outfit is engaged in recruiting young men in the existent troops at the Commonwealth Armory.

These new men and selected NCO's and other key men from the present troops are expected to form the nucleus for the new units. The 102nd MG's of YD fame was originally the Massachusetts Cavalry before the war.

They include Major EVERETT H. JENKINS, 1st Squadron commander, who served overseas with Co. C, 102nd MG; Major ARTHUR W. SMITH, regimental executive, who served with Co. A, and Lieut. GEORGE E. DEYARMOND, who served with Co. C.

The entire outfit is quartered in the Commonwealth Armory, Commonwealth Avenue and a troop drill is held each night during the week to which the public is invited. Qualifications for enlistment include unmarried men between 18 and 35 years old, minimum height five feet three inches; maximum weight 180 pounds.

WE SALUTE THE "BARRAGE"

An official presentation was made by the Assistant Editor of the BARRAGE to the Acting Editor of YANKEE DOINGS of a copy of the last issue of the "Barrage". The Editor wishes to congratulate the members of the Lynn Chapter for their fine publication and wishes them the best of luck and a long life to the Lynn Chapter and the "Barrage".

MACHINE GUN PARKER GETS MUCH DELAYED PROMOTION

Bridgeport veterans who served with the 26th Div., overseas will be pleased to learn that Col. JOHN HENRY (Machine Gun) PARKER of West Haven, commander of the 102nd regiment, has been promoted to brigadier-general in a special bill passed by the United States Senate. He was one of the thirty World War heroes so honored.

Many Connecticut veterans, especially those from Bridgeport served under Gen. PARKER. He has been a frequent visitor to Bridgeport attending conventions and other military gatherings.

The promotion was recommended by Gen. John J. Pershing, C. in C., of the AEF, just before the Armistice was signed, but was delayed by the duress of war and forgotten by the pressing business which followed the end of the war.

Gen. PARKER was one of the outstanding heroes of the World War having been awarded the D.S.C., three times for bravery.

(Editor's note): The Yankee Division Veterans Association extends Gen. PARKER its heartiest congratulations and wishes him continued outstanding success.

THE NATIONAL COMMANDER SAYS

Well, comrades, just another month and our Annual Convention of the Y.D.V.A., will be upon us. This, undoubtedly will be the biggest and best convention we have ever held. The "Second Home Coming of the Yankee Division" on June 6-7-8th, in Boston, Mass., will live long in the memories of those who attend.

It should be, and I know it will be, the duty of every YD man to attend this convention, if at all possible. Advance registrations predict a record attendance. Have you sent in your registration yet? If not, do so NOW.

Many prominent Government, State and City Officials have signified their intentions to be present and participate in this gala celebration with us. Governor Saltonstall of Massachusetts has appointed a committee of more than 100 leading representative men and women to serve as a Massachusetts reception committee.

Don't miss the "Behind the Lines in France" show which will be staged on the opening night of the convention, June 6th at Mechanics Building on Huntington Ave.

The gigantic and most magnificent display of fireworks to be held on a barge in the Charles River basin on Friday night preceeding the Annual Military Ball at the Copley Plaza Hotel, will be something to crow about.

The mammoth parade on Saturday, which will be composed of members of the new 26th Division and the old Yankee Division, will be the most spectacular parade Boston has ever seen. So much for the convention.

Let me say now, that I have been more than pleased with the spirit of co-operation exemplified by all the Officers and members of the entire association. Our membership has reached the highest point in its history, thanks to the sincere, hard working "gang" that compose this Y.D.V.A. of ours.

During the course of my year as your National Commander, I have travelled many miles, visited many cities and towns, and lost a lot of sleep trying to promote YD at every turn. No one can say that I haven't done my job. I feel that all this effort on my part has produced satisfactory results and I'm happy to have been privileged to do my bit. I shall continue after my term has expired.

I hope that I shall have the pleasure of seeing each and every one of you at the convention. Let's show the Boston convention committee that we appreciate what they are doing for us by being on hand the opening day of the convention, by attending the business sessions of the association, enjoying the entertainment provided, and by staying until the last gun is fired on the last day of the convention. I'll be seeing you.

— JERRY D. O'LEARY,

ANOTHER MISSING YD MAN FOUND

A letter was received the other day with an order for the two Divisional Histories and a copy of C Co., 104th history. At the bottom of the letter was a postscript saying that the writer was an officer in C Company and was wounded on the day before the Armistice. Looking at the signature I recognized the name as a Lieutenant who came to us just before the St. Mihiel drive and was hit in the leg on November 10th in front of a small town named Chaumont. I have oftened wondered what had become of him and have asked others in the company if they knew but nobody seemed to have even seen or heard from him. I wrote immediately to the address he gave asking if he remembered me and telling him I was near him and saw him get hit. A reply was received a few days ago and he said he remembers me very well, in fact has some papers and army orders with my name on them. He also asked for Major CONNELLY, Lieut. KIRCHEIS, Adj. of the Battalion at that time, JACK JONES, our Lieut.; BILL SMITH, our Top Kick; the HOPKINS brothers, RALPH ELDER and Corporal TOWNSEND. His name is GEORGE BROWN and most of the fellows who were with C Co., 104th Inf., during St. Mihiel and the Argonne will remember him. He states that he is sorry he has not made contact with the old gang before but will be in Boston during the fall and will look us up.

— GUY WATTS.

McKINNON IN FLORIDA

JOHN (Scotty) MCKINNON who is now living at De Land Cottage Court, Route #1, N. Blvd., De Land, Florida, writes that he met Mess Sergeant HANSEN of Co. C, 102nd M.G. Bn., and that he is running a grocery store in De Land. He also sent in a clipping that a Chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart is being organized and the Commander is W. C. (Bill) ATKINS, who was with Co. M, 102nd Infantry and was wounded by a shell at Chateau Thierry, which shattered his arm, deprived him of an eye and inflicted other injuries.

HOW I FIRST SAW THE YD

By George W. Bragdon

My first and only memory of the Yankee Division for a great many years was a lot of doughboys drinking sarsaparilla straight. I have since revised my opinion of what a YD bird likes to wet his whistle with, but when I was kidding Johnny Goss about that sarsaparilla he sold me the idea of telling it to Ye Editor — or to the Marines, I forget which. There isn't anything to tell, especially not by one who was just a kid who didn't get over across during the war, which makes me feel rather embarrassed in such distinguished company. But Johnny comes from the Insurance City of Hartford, where they sell you anything without your knowing what you're in for, so here goes . . .

I don't know as I had ever heard of the Yankee Division till the foggy day in April of '19 when the blast of a whistle came across the Boston docks, and then another and another. I had been in a Navy training camp in my native Corn Belt until the Armistice, and being enough of a sap to want to see the world anyway in spite of the war's end I came East and enrolled in the East Boston training base of the Shipping Board. That whistle coming out of the Boston fog was louder than those of the tugs and freighters in port, and those of us who didn't know right away that something was up were informed of it by word of mouth in about 30 seconds.

"The boys are back!"

A few nights later I went uptown to the Army and Navy "Y" and wrote home to my folks in Illinois. I have the letter still, dated April 7, 1919.

"Boston has been welcoming the transports of the Yankee Division for the past week, all the navy and government vessels raising their strings of flags at sunrise.

"Every steam whistle in the city and harbor blew itself to low pressure whenever another boat was reported sighted. The fireboat sirens and church bells added.

"We have rushed up the ratlines to the topmast every day, craning and straining for a glimpse of the black smokestacks above the roofs of the buildings.

"Day before yesterday I went out on the freighter Sturgeon Bay to welcome the America. We were the first to greet and escort her to Boston, meeting her a few miles out, but of course there were already the destroyers which had come Lord knows how far with her."

Then came the victory parade in Boston and we Shipping Board rookies were sent over in a body to form some sort of guard of honor along the line of march. I never heard anyone say we added to the impressiveness of the occasion, for we were a pretty scrubby outfit, everyone being out of step but Jim. But this is where the sarsaparilla comes in.

It was a wild day on Beacon Street, that homecoming parade day, and the Armistice celebration which I had seen in the Chicago Loop couldn't hold a candle to it. I had never seen such a swell looking bunch of guys as was taking the street by storm — and none of the women and gals and little kids on the sidewalk had either, to judge by the way they carried on. By the time the doughboys reached us they were getting tired and dry from so much kissing on the sidelines and catching the money and tobacco and fruit thrown from the upper windows.

And somebody had an inspiration. Whoever he was he had dough, for he bought up several tons of soda water by the case and had them distributed on the march. A guy would start running with a case of pop across the street in front of a marching platoon and by the time he made the curbstone on the opposite side he had nothing but an empty case.

So there it was: Vin rouge in France, sarsaparilla in Beacon Street, and something on the heavier side at the recent conventions at the Garde in New Haven and the Bond in Hartford, when at long last it was my great privilege to really come to know personally the men of the division when I covered their doings for the Hartford *Times* on which I'm a reporter.

Johnny Goss says it was a great day for him, too, when he stepped ashore in Boston. The first person to speak to him on his native soil was a woman at the dock gate who singled him out and, opening her pocketbook and holding out 40 cents, pleaded: "Here! It's all I've got, but it's from the heart."

That was the first time I met the YD, and it was several years before I settled down in New England and started writing for the Hartford *Times*. But the *Times* knew the outfit well enough, and when the 2,000 Connecticut troops of the division swung down Hartford's Main Street in their own homecoming victory parade the newspaper's headline put it very aptly:

"The Best Is None Too Good For The 26th!"

NORMAN LODGE ARRIVES AT COPENHAGEN

Letter received from Norman Lodge (NY Chapter) which his wife was good enough to let us use. Norman is on duty in Copenhagen where there is plenty of activity, especially at this time.

Palace Hotel, Kobenhavn
Telefon: Central 4050 Saturday, Mar. 16/40

Dearest Dorothy and Kiddies:

Well, here we are in Copenhagen and glad the trip is over. It was hectic after leaving Genoa. The European trains, you know, are not quite up to the U. S. standard. Well, after a hectic session with the Italian customs — or didn't I tell you about that — we finally got on a train for Muenchen (Munich) but despite the fact that we had purchased sleeper tickets we were told at the train all the berths were filled. Perhaps we would get one at Milan where they'd surely put on another wagon-lits. O.K., off to Milan, arriving there at 10:55 and about 20 minutes later were told we'd have a stop-over until 12:16. We strolled about near the r.r. station, which, incidentally, is one of the finest in the world, then got our sleeper.

We piled in and hoped to wake up in Munich, but that isn't the way Europeans work, the hell with what our tickets said. At 5:30 a.m. were roused from our slumber and told they were taking off the sleeping car before crossing the German border. Nothing to do but get out and find another apartment which we did. In one way I was glad for we had arrived in the Tyrol Mountains and there was snow every place. It was wonderful insofar as scenery is concerned. About every hour, then, until we arrived in Innsbruck, in what was Austria, we were halted and inspected. When we finally arrived in Munich at noon, we learned that the train returning Von Ribbentrop from his conference with Italian officials, was just behind us or ahead of us all the way.

At Munich we found there was no train until 10:16 that night so we checked in with the police and started to see the town. Hungry we went to the nearest restaurant but forgot to get food ration tickets. Back again to the hotel — where we had to register so the police would get our entrance — and got food tickets. Oh me, it was meatless day in Munich and we had had no breakfast. We ended up with some conglomeration they called fish salad, one roll each and one pat of butter. The coffee was ersatz — browned barley — and it tasted like Dad Lodge's pipe used to smell. So, we did what everyone does in Germany, went hungry. Went out to see the cellar from which Der Fuerher started his ill-timed putsch and also visited the Loewenbrau brewery but it must have been beerless day too, at least it was for us.

Practically everyone was in uniform and you never saw so much saluting in your life. Why even privates salute each other in Germany and it's strange to see an army man salute with fingers to cap visor and a passing uniformed man raise his in the new style Nazi hand raising.

We experienced our first blackout and it was no joke, especially with us speaking English. Expected to get beaned every minute, but finally we did get to the train and believe it or not, got our sleepers. We arrived in Berlin at noon and registered at the Kaiser hotel, one of pristine glory in the last decade but just a medium class hostelry now. Rooms 20 Reich Marks, or $8.00 a day American, and no heat or hot water. The latter is supplied Saturday and Sunday but Sunday no one uses it as a patriotic gesture so they just don't have it. Who'd want to make one unpatriotic for a simple thing like a bath?

We reported to Lochner in the Berlin bureau and while we were there he got a phone bid for us to lunch with the Propaganda bureau. Imagine, we had registered at the hotel and within the hour the police and government knew we were there! German efficiency. We did lunch at the Kaiserhof and then in the evening were guests of the foreign press association at the Auslands club — to which the brown shirt faction of the government invited its own propaganda bureau as members. We tried to get reservations on the train for Copenhagen but there wouldn't be any the next day. Why? Germans just stare at you when you use that word. So, back to the hotel after a champagne drinking session at a night club with officials of the Foreign office of the government, during which time we had to listen to the glory of the Reich.

No train next day and we found out that the train didn't run because there was ice in the Baltic sea so the ferry couldn't cross to Denmark. Again German efficiency came to our rescue. Our four-day visa was running out so we appealed to the government. Planes, booked solid for a week ahead, suddenly found two empty places on the 8:45 a.m. Saturday plane.

What would have been a dreary six-hour train and ferry trip was done in 2 hours and 30 minutes at a cost only twice the train fare. So here we are but where the hell is that war I came over to cover? Didn't I tell you that the Russians would get peace when they heard the old Maestro was coming over?

What happens to me now? What about the expense basis? I don't know, but I'm keeping my fingers crossed. You'll realize of course there's going to be difficulties with the mail and are steeling yourself against it.

Back to Germany, you realize there's no soap, no coffee or tea and very little butter or cream. No use me describing conditions further — don't know if this will fall in the censor's hands or not — but when we arrived in Copenhagen, Gallagher and I each ate an order of bacon and eggs, then had a full order of ham and eggs. I don't know when an egg tasted so good. America is certainly a lucky nation and I hope you'll impress it on the children that they should be glad to be alive in the U.S.A.

Didn't get out to see Emmy's Aunt. That address was a full day's trip from Berlin proper. While in Berlin I got down to see the Unknown Soldier's tomb and watched the guard being changed. It's beyond description and makes ours at Arlington seem a prosaic thing. These boys just goose-stepped to a fare-the-well, the dress goose-step. Also visited King Wilhelm I palace in Unter den Linden — the lindens are all cut down because of a blight and ittie bittie ones are now being planted — and the Martin Luther Church as well as the Museum of Liberal and fine arts and an armory museum in which are contained trophies of many hundreds of years. Also got out to see Potsdam palace and went through tier garten where the Kaiser used to hunt deer. It's a great town I'll bet in peace times.

I've had a terrible head cold since leaving Genoa but it seems as though it's breaking up now — must be because where I couldn't taste cigarettes for four days, they now taste like hell. Well, so long for now, I've got to find myself a war. Hope you're missing me half as much as I miss you all, but what a reunion some time in 1985!!!!

Love to you all,
DAD.

YD MAN INJURED IN FREIGHT WRECK

YANKEE DOING has just learned through Comrade ERNEST W. NEWMAN, a member at large from Lake View, Maine, of the injury of WALLACE E. GOULD, formerly of Co. I, 103rd Infantry. Comrade GOULD was a fireman on the freight train belonging to the Canadian Pacific Railroad which crashed into a stationary east bound train at Mattawamkeag on February 2nd, 1940. Comrade GOULD lives in Brownville Junction, Maine. He was treated at Kingman by Dr. Sherrard for severe injuries to the head and shoulders. His comrades of the YD wish him a speedy recovery.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. AND MRS. FRANCIS J. DOWD

The Editor and members of the Yankee Division Veterans Association extend to our good friend and comrade FRANCIS J. DOWD (Co. D, 104th Inf.) and to his wife our sincerest congratulations upon the birth of a seven pound baby girl, April 3rd. Her name is Margaret Agnes. We wish the youngster, health, wealth and lots of happiness as she passes through life.

YANKEE DIVISION JUNIOR DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS CONTEST

On Saturday morning, June 8th, during the National Convention of Yankee Division Veterans Association, a Drum and Bugle Corps contest will be held on the parade grounds of the Boston Common for Junior Drum and Bugle Corps of the Yankee Division Veterans Association. To be eligible for this contest a corps must consist of the following personnel, either —

1—Sons of Yankee Division Veterans.
2—Daughters of Yankee Division Veterans.
3—Sons and Daughters of Yankee Division Veterans.

Prizes —

First Prize — $50.00.
Second Prize — $35.00.
Third Prize — $25.00.
Fourth Prize — $15.00.
Fifth Prize — $10.00.

A representative of each corps entering the contest will meet in the committee room at the Copley Plaza Hotel, on Saturday morning, June 8th, at 7:30 A. M. to draw for places and receive instructions for the contest.

The contest will start promptly at 9:00 A. M.

The contest will be conducted under the American Legion National Drum and Bugle Corps Regulations.

Send in your entry for the contest as soon as possible to ANTHONY J. ROCK, Contest Chairman, 26 Hollis Street, Boston, Mass., or Yankee Division Club, 200 Huntington Avenue, Boston.

— ANTHONY J. ROCK.

NOMINATIONS FOR Y.D.V.A. NATIONAL OFFICERS

To All Members of the Y. D. Veterans Association:

Your Nominating Committee met in the YD Memorial Clubhouse, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass., on Sunday, April 14, 1940, and selected the following candidates for election to office at the Twenty-first Annual Convention in Boston, Mass., on June 6-7-8. (Editor's note: Not all of these candidates have as yet signified their acceptance of the nomination.)

FOR THE OFFICE OF:

National Commander:
AUSTIN F. APPLEBY, (104th Infantry).
(Boston Chapter, Dept. of Mass.)

National Chaplain:
Rev. GEORGE S. L. CONNOR, (Hqs. Train).
(Springfield Chapter, Dept. of Mass.)

National Treasurer:
L. H. REDFIELD, (101st Engineers).
(Boston Chapter, Dept. of Mass.)

National Judge Advocate:
HAROLD J. SMITH, (101st Fd. Sig. Bn.).
(Boston Chapter, Dept. of Mass.)

National Historian:
HARRY W. BUGBEE, (104th Inf.).
(Member at large, Dept. of Vt.)

National Americanism Officer:
ROYAL K. HAYES, (51st F.A. Brig.).
Lowell Chapter, Dept. of Mass.)

National Service Officer:
FRANK W. COPPINGER, (101st Engineers).
(Boston Chapter, Dept. of Mass.)

National Vice Commander for Maine:
HAZEN O. HAGAR, (103rd Inf.).
Cumberland Co. Chapter, Dept. of Me.)

National Vice Commander for New Hampshire:
WILLIAM J. MCNULTY, (103rd M.G.Bn.).
(Nashua Chapter, Dept. of New Hampshire)

National Vice Commander for Vermont:
RAYMOND E. COLLINS, (101st Amm. Tr.).
(Rutland Chapter, Dept. of Vermont)

National Vice Commander for Massachusetts:
JOHN T. SULLIVAN, (101st Inf.).
(Lynn Chapter, Dept. of Mass.)

National Vice Commander for Rhode Island:
RANDOLPH DARLING, (103rd F.A.).
(Apremont Chapter, Dept. of Rhode Island)

National Vice Commander for Connecticut:
WILLIAM A. ALLEN, (Div. Hqs.).
Manchester Chapter, Dept. of Connecticut)

National Vice Commander for United States:
ROBERT DICKSON, (26th Div. QM.).
(New York Chapter, Dept. of United States)

Three Additional Members of National Executive Committee:
WALTER B. VICKORY, (103rd F.A.)
(Providence Chapter, Dept. of Rhode Island.)
EUGENE DUGAS, (103rd Inf.).
(Manchester Chapter, Dept. of N. H.)
CLYDE G. BECKWITH, (103rd M.G.Bn.).
(Manchester Chapter, Dept. of Connecticut.)

Respectfully submitted,
EDGAR F. MILLER, Chairman (Conn.)
HOWARD W. HUNT, (R. I.)
ROYAL K. HAYES, (Mass.)
JOHN W. DUNLAP, (N. H.)
JAMES CUNNINGHAM, (Me.)
EDWARD NELSON, (N. Y.)
ARTHUR SMITH, (Vt.) (Not present)

NOMINATING NATIONAL OFFICERS

It may be that some of you, when reading the slate of National Officers selected for presentation at the National Convention by your duly chosen nominating committee, are interested in knowing how this selection was made; if the best available material was chosen; whether it was pre-arranged, cut-and-dried, etc., etc. As chairman of the nominating committee by virtue of the fact that it is customary in OUR organization to have the immediately preceding Past National Commander serve as such, I will volunteer such information concerning the deliberations of your committee as should answer the normal questions.

It was hoped that each member of the committee (one from each department) would arrive with an open mind, that an honest decision could be reached thereby. Fortunately this was the case as each member at the outset declared that he came uninstructed and unpledged and was free to vote according to the dictates of his own best judgment on the names that would be presented for consideration. Under our constitution any deviation from this practice voids our representative method of choosing candidates and which in the past has proven most democratic and desirable in Y.D.V.A. where politics has no place and are unwanted

by the majority of members who are interested only in a united Y.D.V.A., not in the ambitions of a particular group or individual.

National Vice-Commanders (Dept. Commanders) are previously chosen by their respective Departments and are officially confirmed by the nominating committee. Officers, other than National Commander, are selected for their ability to handle a certain job; willingness to serve (some of these jobs carry a lot of work and very little glory); and for various other and obvious reasons. It is a simple matter to make these selections and there are few repercussions unless they come from those who have been selected and who would rather give someone else the honor — and the work.

With the selection of a candidate for National Commander, however, it is a different story. To begin at the beginning, members of the committee arrived at the headquarters of Y.D.V.A. in Boston after having traveled many miles by train or automobile and in the case of the member from the Dept. of the U. S., by train to New York and thence to Boston by airplane. Our good friend GUY WATTS turned over the headquarters office and records to us and shortly after two P.M. deliberations commenced.

It was first ascertained which names had been mentioned throughout the organization for consideration as National Commander and then the qualifications of each were thoroughly discussed. As it happened all the names brought before the committee were very acceptable, any one of them would have come up to the standard and would have made an excellent commander and all had earned the right to be considered.

However, only one man can be National Commander at a time, so the problem before the committee to pick the right one became a difficult one. For more than three hours the qualifications pro and con of each were discussed; the arguments waxed warm at times, but when a vote was finally taken the entire committee was in agreement and the nomination was the unanimous opinion of the committee. A fair and sincere decision made only after each man had received the utmost consideration and while no votes except the final one were taken you can be assured that at the start the committee was pretty well divided as to the desirability of the different names presented.

Your committee labored long and sincerely without a semblance of politics, to select for your approval the name of the man who in its studied opinion is the right one to lead Y.D.V.A. during the year commencing with the close of the Boston Convention. You placed your confidence in the ability of the committee to do a job for you, I hope that its action still justifies that confidence to the end that any such unpleasantness as occurred during the past two Conventions will not be repeated to mar your complete enjoyment of the Boston Convention — a second home-coming and a real re-union in the spirit of true comradeship that is YD.

— EDGAR F. MILLER, P.N.C.,
Chairman, Nominating Comm.

WHO KNOWS FRANK BRETTON?

Over a year ago a letter was received from New Hampshire asking to forward a radio which they had purchased from a man by the name of Frank Bretton, who claimed he had won it in a raffle held by the YD Post of the American Legion. Contacting the Post I discovered that there never had been a raffle of any radio.

Since then there has been at least a dozen different people come in the Club after the same radio. About six months ago a salesman came in one afternoon and stated that he had just given this Bretton a ride up from Providence and that he came in to get the radio and was going to meet this fellow and take him back to Providence. A week ago another salesman from Providence came in with the same story and said that this fellow told him he was staying at the Soldiers' home at Bristol, R. I. The racket does not net him much over a dollar or two each time, but he has worked it all over New England.

Wrote to Providence to see if I could trace him but could not locate him through the Veterans' Bureau or the Soldiers' home and also contacted the Bureau in Boston. He claims to be a veteran getting compensation.

ANOTHER MEMBER IN ALASKA

Just as the last of the copy was going in for this month's issue a letter was received from Juneau, Alaska, with an application blank from RUFUS P. HENDERSON, formerly with G Co., 104th Inf. The application was sent to him by LARRY WAGNER, adjutant of the 104th Veterans Association and Secretary of the Holyoke Chapter of the YDVA. Hope these two members in that far-off country will be able to get together some day in the future and have a good old YD gabfest. Perhaps they can find eight more YD men there and start a Chapter.

DOWN BY THE OLD GULF STREAM

Guy Watts (may his name lead all the rest) S.O.S.'s via air mail, "Will you write something for the next issue of DOINGS?" We P.D.Q., via ditto, "Oui, m'sieu."

After which impetuous response we commence to feel like "the harp that once in Tara's hall." Remember? The song goes on to relate that "now its soul has fled." Or perhaps even more like the extremely sea-sick father who was admonished by his equally sea-sick spouse to "Speak to Johnny", who was endeavoring to climb the main-mast. The unfortunate man summoned all his strength and managed to utter, "Hello, Johnny."

Not that we are sea-sick, but like the poor guy, about the best we can do is "Hello Johnny."

O. O. McIntyre, of happy memory, used to ramble on in his "Talk of the Town" from one observation to another without regard for sequence, coherence, pattern or design. Yours truly is no McIntyre nor ever will be. But his example gives us an excuse for rambling. Some of the "angles" down here in this section referred to with considerable justification as "The Sunshine State" have been amusing to one New England Yank. Others may find them so.

Mr. Mason and Mr. Dixon did a fair job o' work. North is north and south is south, but here the twain have met. It may be a paradox, but down here "the South' lies to the north, a good hard day's drive of four or five hundred miles up into Gaw-gia or Alabam'.

There is a military academy here known as Riverside, headed by a nationally-known figure, a full-blooded Indian whose honest-to-God name is Sandy Beaver. The school has two complete homes, one here, the other in Gainesville, Ga. A week or two ago, they struck camp and silently fled in the night. I was informed they had "gone back up North'. To Georgia, mind you! Like the fella in New York City to whom "out west" was across the Hudson; or the people I knew in Washington, D. C., who went "down East" to Providence, R. I.

But this isn't "the South" except in latitude. The man at whose house I am living came from Plattsburg, N. Y., via Nashua, N. H.; the lad at the filling station calls Burlington, Vt. his home; the hairdresser my wife visited hails from Brockton, Mass.; the three YD men thus far encountered were originally New Englanders all. Gene Kelcy was in the 101st M.G. Bn. out of Hartford; Phil Kingsbury (F Co., 101st Engrs.) used to call Waltham home; Paul Hood (F Co., 104th Inf.) was born in Topsfield, Mass. Paul (the renegade) says, "New England is a good place to *come from.*" Phil Kingsbury turns up his nose in disgust at the suggestion of a visit to Boston; is proud as punch that his kids don't know what snow is. (After this past winter can't say we blame him.) The populace has one distinct line of cleavage: those who want to crown Roosevelt and those who want to kill him. There is no middle ground.

The other night a waitress asked us if we'd like some baked beans. We replied yeh. Never before had we realized the full significance of the word camouflage. Lucky an old lady we know up around Oldtown, Me., who bakes beans in a bean-hole, wasn't present. The shock would have killed her. But they have fresh shrimp and — of course — oranges. And such other trivia as turtle steaks, papayas, stone crabs, guavas, king-fish, lime pie, etc. We'll defy anyone to produce an A-1 steak in southern Florida. We've tried the places supposed to be tops, and if the steaks weren't carved from some poor old cow who died from disappointment from trying to sustain life grazing in a mango swamp, then we'll live on cocoanut milk and lime pie as long as we live.

But let's quit knockin' and do a little boostin'. 'Cause they really have *got* something down here.

First of all, they got climate, brother, spelled with a capital "C". We've been here four weeks now, and haven't yet got used to the fact that you can count on to-morrow being just as perfect as to-day. Days between 75° and 80° nights between 65° and 70° with startling regularity; an occasional shower — just enough to keep things green and blooming. And the ocean water stays between 76° and 80° week in and week out.

As for the concentration of wealth and good taste displayed in literally thousands of homes completely buried in veritable volcanoes of tropic bloom, — hibiscus, oleander, bouganvillea, flame vine, orange blossom, yucca, poinsettia, — we give up. We utterly and irrevocably give up! To convey even the dimmest conception of the bewildering, eye-smashing, ravishing riot of color, color, color, against a sea of emerald and beneath a sky of turquoise, is a job which no pen, least of all ours, can ever accomplish. As to how these birds got the dough to build and

landscape such outposts of Paradise; well — one belongs to Al Capone, another to Moe Annenberg, currently in a jam with the law; while still another was built by the fella that invented the steel umbrella rib. Take your choice.

Yeh, they got climate and they got color. What else? No learned treatise is complete without mention of what is called "the flora and the fauna". Among the former, might be mentioned oranges and cocoanuts and oranges and lemons and oranges and grapefruit and oranges and papayas and oranges and guavas, and — oh yes, — oranges. They got cocoanuts all right. Every street is lined with cocoanut trees. But they're a most doubtful asset. It takes a broad-sword, a hydraulic jack and a depth-bomb to open one, and then what have you got? Conversely, if the breeze blows more than ten miles an hour they commence to drop like manna from heaven, to the detriment of auto bodies and human skulls.

The fauna includes alligators, ants, land-crabs, mocking birds, sand flies, mosquitoes, spiders and bathing girls. Maybe an old bird approaching senility should keep his trap shut and act his age. But they sure got gals. To be sure, most of 'em are imported from other parts of the union, and — worse luck — have now migrated to their native heaths. But to paraphrase the old gentleman at whose home we are staying: (he's nearly twice our age) "A woman is as old as she looks, and a man is old when he stops looking." Yas suhh, honey chile, dey sho' is sump'n! The color of a copper penny just off the mint and clothed in sufficient yardage to put the DuPonts into bankruptcy. Why, if postage stamps were made of cloth, Jim Farley could cut at least three, air-mail size, out of any one of these swim-suits. And daily your correspondent ponders two deep, dark mysteries: the skill of the Almighty in packing such useful appendages as lungs, livers and gizzards into such faultlessly molded containers; and (b) why he wasn't born twenty-five years later.

They have hurricanes too. But they don't talk much about 'em except to say that California has earthquakes. Of course, we had a bit of a blow up in New England a year ago last fall, which didn't seem to disconcert the natives down here unduly. They say *we* (Northerners) have piped down considerable about Florida hurricanes since we had one all our own.

Perhaps the one notable local commodity not heretofore cited is hot air. Not that blowing in off the Gulf Stream, but that issuing from human lungs. Of course a politician is a politician in any state, and they're in the throes of a campaign down here. Northern wealth has made a paradise out of a jungle along this here East Coast; but northern wealth cast its vote in the north. So, to the ranting pol. over in Bayfront Park, addressing the recipients of whatever business prosperity has been brought down here to them, the line is something like this: "Fellow citizens of the Sunshine State; when I am elected to office, there'll be an end of these racketeers from up North coming down here to try to run our fair state and tell you and me how to do things." But it is not of these birds that we sing. It's the hot air emitted by that more pestiferous species known as the "booster". Robert Frost, one of America's boss-poets, once proclaimed as one of New Hampshire's glories that "she has nothing to sell". Since they've Coney Islandized the White Mountains and the New England Council has buckled down to work we're not so sure. Vermont's about the only place that has nothing to sell, see for yourself, take it or leave it, and be damned to you. But Florida! Ye gods. They won't even let a fella contemplate in rapture the beauties and luxuries of the place without squawking in his ears how marvelous it all is. Hell, a man has eyes and ears and a nose. He knows whether he likes a place or not. If he thinks it's lousy, telling him it's a piece of Heaven or earth won't make him believe it. And if, on the other hand, it looks pretty swell to him, as it does most of the time, this fatuous, hand-clapping hoop-de-doo doesn't add to his enjoyment — in fact it practically ruins it.

Here's a couple of samples: One old hypocrite who shows people through the orange groves out here at Davie: "Now I'm not sayin' nothin' against California. California's all right, so far as I know. Every place is all right. I'm not a fella to go for sayin' nothin' against some other place. Poor old California. If they want to grow navel oranges in California, that's all right with us. Course they have to ship 'em a lot further'n we do, and they have to grow an orange that'll stand the shippin'. Now we could grow navel oranges right here. We can grow any kind of an orange right here. We grow better oranges than navels. But mind, I'm not sayin' nothin' about poor old California."

And the newsboy on the street corner. This isn't just one day, but *every* day, from Christmas till the middle of April. "They're fr-r-reezin' up Nawth, read all about it. New York is buried under seven feet of snow. Read all about it. There's a bl-l-l-lizzard in New England.

Read all about it. Floods kill thousands in California. A tornado sweeps Indiana. Read all about it."

That's the sort of thing. If Hitler should cede Germany and all her possessions to England out of the kindness of his heart, they'd have it on the back page provided there was a snow storm in New York the same day.

Down at Key West — about 200 miles south of here — we took a snapshot of the southernmost point of land in the United States to go with a picture of the easternmost point, taken in Lubec, Me., a couple of years ago. Maybe we'll get to the northernmost and westernmost points some day. On the same trip took pictures of the monument erected by the government to the more than 1000 veterans who lost their lives in the C.C.C. camp on Lower Matecombe Key in the hurricane of 1935. Poor devils! Stew-bums and punch-drunks, maybe. But they, too, had served, even as you and I. Caught like rats in a trap as a tidal wave swept over the one foot high island and back again. It's a dreary and dismal memorial standing in white sand and dry beach grass under a blazing tropic sun.

Key West is quite a joint. The word is used after due deliberation. It is a city apparently beyond the law. Nearer Havana than it is to Miami, on an island reached only by ship or over the truly marvelous Overseas Highway of concrete bridges (one of them seven miles long), one finds roulette, dice, and whatnot, running wide open in the back room at Sloppy Joe's; and as for gals "in the business", — well, did you get a pass to Paree in wartime?

They've moved the light-house down there from the coast to what they proudly point out as "the highest point off land in the city." Elevation 16 feet above sea level. And that's a whole lot more altitude than is to be seen anywhere else for miles around. No, they ain't got hills. Gosh, Beacon Hill would slay 'em.

But they have got climate. Yas, suh. We'd like the place if they'd give us a chance. In fact, we *do* like it, even if a few words are written "with malice toward some." But even so, to twist Paul Hood's saying around a little: "New England is a good place to come from, and a good place to go back to."

Hollywood, Fla. — PHILIP N. SANBORN.

THE THOMAS FRANCIS DEADY MEMORIAL BRIDGE

A memorial bridge that spans the Chicopee River at Chicopee Falls, Mass. dedicated Saturday, April 20 in honor of Private DEADY, killed in action at Seicheprey on this date in 1918, whose home was but a short distance from the bridge by the State Department of Public Works at a cost of $437,000 is a great tribute to the city of Chicopee Falls, Mass., and to those who untiringly made it possible for naming it the Thomas Francis Deady Memorial Bridge.

THOMAS F. DEADY born October 6, 1891, the son of James Edward and Jane Marie Fitzgerald Deady, both deceased, was one of a family of thirteen children.

As a boy he attended St. Patrick's Parochial School and graduated from that school in 1906. He was well known in his early years for his athletic ability and played on numerous baseball teams in Chicopee and vicinity. Some of the teams were the Chicopee Falls Hemlocks, Grattan Street Stars, Stevens Arms and Hilltops. Later when a young man he lived in Hartford, Connecticut. He played with the Hartford Rambler, Colts, United States Rubber and West End Athletic Club.

When a young man he went to work for the United States Rubber Corporation and worked for this organization five years before enlisting in the service.

On June 1, 1917, he enlisted in Co. A, 1st Connecticut Infantry which later became Co A, 102nd Infantry, 26th Division. He sailed overseas on September 19, 1917.

While crossing an open field to obtain water for his comrades, he was fatally wounded by shrapnel from which he died a few minutes later. His body was removed from France after the war and is now laid at rest in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Chicopee Falls.

The dedication ceremonies sponsored jointly by the Charles C. Kennedy Post 275, American Legion and William F. Davitt Post 625, Veterans of Foreign Wars opened with a military ball on Friday in the City Hall auditorium, in which scores of leading New England veterans and prominent state and municipal officials were present. On Saturday afternoon the parade which was led by units of the present YD 26th National Guard included a large delegation of members of the Y.D.V.A. from Hartford and Springfield, local posts of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Spanish War, Boy Scouts and several musical corps.

The dedication exercises conducted at the

bridge with Attorney Walter M. Shea, presiding included: Invocation, Rev. William Lee, St. Patricks Church, Chicopee Falls, Mass.; Address of Welcome, Mayor Leo P. Senecal; Wilfred E. Jacobs, State Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars; Colonel Joseph P. Nolan, present commanding the 169th Infantry who as a personal friend of Thomas Deady was captured at Seicheprey, also represented National Commander JERRY O'LEARY, who was unable to be present. Thomas J. Quinn, State Commander of the American Legion; A. J. Stonina, former mayor of Chicopee Falls; Hon. A. A. Hastings, member of Governor's Council; C. E. Maynard, United States Rubber Corp.; John P. Kirby, Presiding Justice, Chicopee District Court; William C. Hayes, Major-General Retired, former commanding the 104th Infantry; Major M. A. McFadden, Army Air Base; Major Napoleon J. Vigeant, representing Governor Leverett Saltonstall; Congressman Charles R. Clason; Daniel J. Doherty, Esq., past national commander of the Amer. Legion who gave the principal address; the unveiling of plaque was made by Thomas and Ruth Speight, nephew and niece of Thomas F. Deady. Benediction, Rev. H. Chester Hoyt, Pastor, Faith Methodist Episcopal Church.

Among some others who were present included the following from the Hartford Chapter, Commander BENJAMIN A. BOURN, Past Commander JOSEPH P. FOLEY, JOHN J. GOSS,National Historian; Dr. BERNARD H. ALLEN, JAMES L. YACAVONE, CECIL L. HEDGES and RICHARD D'AMICO. Some local YD men included THOMAS E. McELHONE and Capt. MARCEL LADOUCEUR and Commander ROY COONS of Springfield Chapter.

The exercises were concluded Sunday morning with a military mass at 10.30 at St. Patrick's Church, Chicopee Falls, Mass.

— JOHN J. GOSS,
Nat. Historian.

THEY DID NOT FAIL!

Of all the ills that befall to individuals none is more tragic than the cynicism that dries up the soul and shrivels the ideals of a man. Yet to prevent disillusionment and frustration of high hopes from turning into cynicism is not too easy. One might almost say it is natural. It would be if it were not literally true that "hope springs eternal in the human breast."

Probably there are no more disillusioned persons to be found than those of us who went to France in '17 and '18 to help make "the world safe for democracy", *et al*, and today watch the chariot of Mars gathering speed. Every time we parade, the papers make mention of "thinning hair turned grey", "shoulders held proudly back with more effort than once they were", "added avoirdupois", and other kindly tempered references to our advancing years. Well, that isn't our fault. But twenty-two years have passed quickly and memories still are vivid. We aren't old by any means, and while still in the prime of life we who fought in the war that was to end all wars, behold the world aflame again. If anyone in all the world has a right to ask what we gained at Apremont, Seicheprey, Belleau Woods, St. Mihiel, the Argonne, it is you and I, men of the old YD. And it is easy to say, Nothing!

But wait! Right now a group of daring men are camping on the ice of the Antarctic. The fact that they are in comparatively little danger and that their mission will undoubtedly be successful is due, not alone to their own intrepidness, though we give full credit to them and to Admiral Byrd, but even more to the men who preceded them, men with the same dreams, the same hopes, the same goal; men who failed. Ross in 1842, Borchgrevinck in 1900, Scott in 1910 — these men died with their dreams still dreams, their goal still beyond reach or, in the case of Scott and his party, with their victory empty with death the price. But because these men dared and tried and pushed on as far as they could, the present expedition to the Antarctic is pretty well assured of success.

True, a new world war is under way. True, democracy has never been faced with such a battle for survival. True, the sons of those who fell in France are marching toward their fathers' graves. We did not win the victory of eternal peace by our efforts, and we know now that such a victory must wait the fruition of generations of education, and brotherhood, and the mellowing of racial prejudices. But some day wars will cease unto the ends of the earth. Not in our time, nor perhaps in our children's time, but in an age to come. Then, in whatever memorial is erected to those who dared to dream and sacrifice through the centuries for "peace on earth, good will toward men", will be one niche reserved for our buddies of the old YD who moved the world at least one step nearer the age-old dream of swords beaten into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks. They did not fail!

— Rev. WILLARD S. SMITH,
National Chaplain, Y.D.V.A.

MAJOR GENERAL CHEATHAM'S DINNER

The above picture was taken at the dinner which was held on the evening of March 8th, 1940 at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City by General B. Frank Cheatham, former Quartermaster General of the U. S. and the war time Commander of the 104th Infantry from just before St. Mihiel until the regiment was demobilized, and given to a group of seventeen of his former officers.

The following testimonial was given to General Cheatham, signed by all present.

On Friday, March 8, 1940, Major General B. F. Cheatham gave a dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria to a group of his former officers of the 104th U. S. Infantry, A.E.F., France, which he commanded in the closing months of the war. Those of us who were fortunate to be able to get to the dinner hope the General will keep this photograph of the group as a souvenir of the occasion and as a reminder of the pleasure we all have had in his hospitality and in the opportunity to see him again.

Signed: William E. Barnett, William M. Leonard, James Tracy Potter, John Rachek, William H. Morris, Theodore R. Schoonmaker, Dwight T. Colley, Wentworth Johnson, Edward J. Sullivan, W. H. Murphy, Howard I. Potter, F. Gardner Blaisdell, Paul R. McCampbell, Alexander L. Kircheis, Samuel McKee, Jr., Stillman F. Westbrook, Allan Evans.

Edward J. Sullivan, formerly of B Co., acted as Toastmaster and according to Ted Schoonmaker did a swell job and is elected to the same job next year. Ed is a D.S.C. man and Commander of the State Dept. of N. Y. of the Legion of Valor and has had twelve years' service on the Board of Alderman of New York City.

General Cheatham was quite touched by the tributes of each individual speaker and tears were detected in his eyes when he was called upon as the last speaker. He said he was more than proud to be attached to such an outfit and will always remember this occasion. He said that his father, who was a Colonel in the Confederate Army and General Robert E. Lee, were fast friends for life and he at the present time, is stopping in the old Lee mansion at Stratford, Virginia.

Each speaker told of some incident happening overseas wherein the General was involved and in every case it looked like the General won the decision.

Some of these men came from near-by states and one fellow, Potter came from Wisconsin. There were at least three D.S.C. men in the group, Colley, Ratchek and Sullivan. Eddie Barnett surprised the crowd by keeping mum all night and nobody could get a word out of him.

TO OUR PHIL

I just read my April "Doings"
And a thought came to my mind
Of the Problems that confronted us
And now are left behind.
Since the days of Nineteen Nineteen
If my memory is clear
We have struggled gamely onward,
For a cause both right and dear.
It was tough and tedious sledding,
And I marvel at the skill
Of that wheelhorse of the outfit,
None other than our PHIL.

Just think back to old Camp Devens,
Where we'd meet just once a year,
With the new YD reminding us
Of days not now so clear.
Then we started our conventions,
Which instilled us more or less
That the crowd was getting older
And more sensible I guess
Till at last came LEN MALONEY
With a spark that seemed to click,
Which was forming local Chapters,
And it seemed to do the trick.

First came Worcester with our bonus,
LEN MALONEY in the chair.
Next came Portland with AL HERMAN'S
Grand and Glorious affair.
Old Providence where RAY DOUCETTE
Gained Ice Cream soda fame.
Then Hartford with ED MILLER
Was the best we all proclaim.
Now comes Boston with O'Leary
And from all reports to-date
O'LEARY'S sure to make this next one
The Greatest of the Great.

The Boston Club is with him
It's a grand and noble crew,
And if you don't enjoy this one
Well, that's all up to you.
But what I started telling you
And what caused this mess of rhyme
Was that item in the "Doings"
Of this friend of yours and mine.
He's that wheelhorse of this YD
And without his work, I know
That this outfit might have folded
Many, many, moons ago.

Well he's down among the Palm trees
In Florida's Sunny clime
And I know we're going to greet him
Around convention time.
But wouldn't it be wonderful
'Twould surely fill the bill,
To have all the YD Buddies here
To greet our long lost PHIL.

— "GETE."

LAST MAN'S CLUB
103rd Mach. Gun Battalion

In my last report I promised to tell you more about our barn dance and the "pig". Well it turned out to be a "wow". Here it is:

A young man named John Verdin won the "pig" and when things broke up he didn't know what to do with it so he put it in the rumble seat of hs car and closed the cover, then started home with his best girl and some friends. They stopped downtown for the proverbial "hot dog" and parked the car on the "Main Bing". When they returned, they found a crowd standing around the car and the "squeals and squawks" emanating therefrom sounded like a murder was being committed. Someone yelled, "Cheese it, the cops", and they just escaped in time to avoid the embarrassment of having to "open up". But, hold on boys, the story doesn't end here. This jolly young man was out for a lot of Fun, so when he arrived at home, he carried the pig (who accommodated him by being quiet) into the house. (Father and mother were asleep.) Placed the pig in bed. Just then Dad woke up and said, "What's that son, a 'stuffed pig'." "Yes," he replied. About this time Mr. Pig decided to make his bid for freedom and started to squeal and run. He jumped from the bed out through the kitchen with Johnny after him, into Sis's bedroom. Sis awakes hysterical, mother hysterical. Neighbors come to their doors and windows, somebody called the station, patrol cars arrive, sirens blowing, etc., etc. I am happy to announce there were no casualties and a good time was had by all (except mother and Sis).

Johnny took an oath: "The Last Man's Club may keep its pigs from now on." On with the barn dance which was held at the Limerock Grange on Saturday, March 9th. Most of the gang turned out in "farmers' costumes" and prizes were given for the best dressed farmer. The committee had a very hard time choosing between Dave Davidson and Jim Macallum for first prize. Dave won the turkey. Observed in the grand march were Mr. and Mrs. JOE VIGIARD, Mr. and Mrs. AL SHABBOTT, Mr. and Mrs. HERBERT GRYLLS, Mr. and Mrs. "Dinky" DANN, "Mike" MILLER, DAVID DAVIDSON, Mr. and Mrs. "Newlywed" SPUD MULLARKEY, Mr. and Mrs. WM. TWEEDLEY, Mr. and Mrs. ST. JOHN, Mr.

and Mrs. ROBERT BURNS and GEORGE BLISS.

Your reporter don't know how or where, but JOE VIGIARD wound up with a "rooster" and decided to leave it in the kitchen overnight. The barn dance broke up about 1 A. M., with all hands singing, "God Bless America". It was our greatest success to date.

Every member of the Last Man's Club was very proud to hear that Lieut. HARRY VAN HALA, A Co., 103rd M.G.Bn., was installed as Commander of the New York Chapter, YDVA., and we wish him the greatest success. While rambling through DOINGS I was also glad to find the name of one of our long lost A Co. boys, WILLIAM A. FORSYTHE. He will soon be installed as treasurer of the Philadelphia Chapter. (Good luck, Bill and look into your L.M.C. sometime.) Last Monday I drove AL SHABBOTT to the Newport Naval Hosp., for a minor operation. I recently heard, he will be discharged about Mar. 23rd. "Good Luck, AL" and "Cheerio" everybody.

— J. PETE BOURGET.
(Better known as "Peter the Great.")

INFORMATION WANTED FROM A BUDDY IN VETS' HOSP., RUTLAND, HGTS., MASS.

Will you kindly advise me if any member of the Club was a member of the 19th Casual Company when it returned from France. I was attached to E Company, 49th Infantry going to France. I would like to know if there are any members in the Club from that outfit also. In France I joined D Co., 110th Infantry and was gassed and sent back to the 19th Casual Co., at Beauchaux. Would be glad to hear from anyone in the above outfits.

Clarence W. Ward,
Vets. Hospital, Rutland, Mass.

PHILIP SANBORN STILL IN FLORIDA

Word has been received from PHIL that he is enjoying his vacation very much and is staying there a couple of weeks longer than he expected. He has met several YD men while there and expects to be back home the first of May. His health has improved and he will be back at his desk before the Convention.

DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

National Commander: Jerry D. O'Leary, Nat. Park Service, Escoheag, R. I.
National Secretary: Philip N. Sanborn, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

Dep't. Commander: William E. Love, Box 563, Farmington, Maine.
Dep't. Secretary: Rex W. Parsons, Box 684, Farmington, Maine.

ANDROSCOGGIN VALLEY CHAPTER
Lewiston, Me.
Commander: J. Fred Shaw
5 Vale St., Lewiston, Me.
Secretary: William E. Roach
112 College St., Lewiston, Me.

Our J.V.C. JOHN L. BARNES, Hqs., 103rd Inf., until recently local manager for Woolworth's 5 and 10 has been transferred to Newport, R. I. Hope this is in line of promotion John, and here's wishing you the best of luck. Sorry to lose you but Maine's loss should be Rhode Island's gain. So carry on and drop us a line to let us know you're alive and how you are getting along.

Two of our members, GENE BEAUDOIN and BILL COOK have been recent patients at Togus Hospital. Latest reports are that they are both back home and feeling much better.

Hope to add a goodly sum to our relief fund on Saturday, April 6th, (there is something familiar about that date) when our ways and means committee sponsors an appearance at Lewiston City Hall of George and Dixie with their troup of radio entertainers, to be followed by a contest for local amateurs under the supervision of BERT COTE of Station W.C.O.U.

Our Chapter also has a contract with the "World of Mirth Shows" to play for us the week beginning June 24th.

Dues being due, comrades, come across with your two bucks now and the more back sliders and new members you can bring in, so much the better for us and the good old YD.

Quite a few of our gang seem to be getting all steamed up for the jamboree in Boston on June 6-7-8, and have heard some talk on springing a sort of surprise in the way of a float for our outfit in the big parade. We'll be seeing you.

— BILL ROACH.

FARMINGTON
"Franklin County Chapter"

Commander: B. Carroll Rounds
71 Perham St., Farmington, Me.
Secretary: Rex W. Parsons
Box 684, Farmington, Me.

I will try and dig myself out of the snow long enough to make a report of the March meeting of Franklin County Chapter, YDVA, and believe me we had a good one here this time. It was really the first real snow storm we have had this winter.

Eight members and their wives met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Love in West Farmington on Sunday evening, March 24th with Jr. V. Comm. Hubert Frary in charge, in the absence of the Commander and Sr. V. Comm.

About all the business we had to transact was to decide on the date and place of the April meeting which is our annual meeting. After some discussion it was decided to hold it on Friday, April 19, at 7.00 P. M., at the Coffee Shop in Farmington. It was thought best to let each one order what he wanted off the regular menu rather than to have a special dinner at a stated price.

Mrs. Love, with the help of the other ladies, served delicious refreshments consisting of hamburgers, hot dogs, sandwiches, doughnuts, cakes and coffee.

As usual both during the meeting, while eating and after, the war was fought all over again. I think that is one reason why I like the YD organization better than any other. No formality and plenty of good fellowship. In other words we all talk the same language.

— Rex W. Parsons.

WATERVILLE

Commander: Alfred Poirier
13 Western Ave., Waterville, Me.
Secretary: Arthur C. Sprague
72½ Western Ave., Waterville, Me.

Membership in the Baby Waterville Chapter is gaining slowly but surely, with 37 now on the roster. We have set April 15th as the closing date for our Charter List and expect to hit 50 by that time.

Meetings are being held on the fourth Thursday of each month and the boys welcomed Charlie Sanborn, Lawrence, Mass., late of the 101st F. A., to the fold.

A display commemorating Army Day, April 6th, will be placed in a store window on Main St. Percy Crosby, Sanborn and Joe Dube being named as the committee in charge. They plan to assemble the pictures of all deceased comrades from Waterville and vicinity with a painting of "Daddy" Edwards as a background. If possible, the display will be left up until Patriot's Day.

Dan DeRoch was elected to the post of Historian. The Chapter thought a more breezy record of the events transpiring from time to time than is contained in the Secretary's records, might be of interest in years to come.

The first social effort of the chapter will be held April 17th, in the form of a dance at the Armory Hall. Cecil Hutchinson's orchestra will play. Albert Osborne, Peter Diambri, Gilly Boyd, and Isiah Dionne are the committee in charge of the affair.

So far as is known the YD contingent here enjoys good health or what passes for it. With spring fighting hard to break through, we all should be in better health and we'll have some fishing stories to tell in a few weeks.

Activities for this coming month include a whist party and social to be held at the next meeting, May 23, Clyde Murray, Jenness, Harold Fairbanks, Dan DeRoch and Fred Picard were named as the committee and the wives of the members are to furnish the refreshments.

The "Baby" Chapter of Maine feels fairly well pleased with itself for leading the state in membership and Chief Freddy plans to keep up the same good work for 1940 and '41. Six members have sent in their reservations for Boston and several more plan to get their blanks this week. Any in Waterville or vicinity who want them can call on Peter Diambri at his store on Elm Street. Pete has plenty and everyone needs the money, the Boston Convention Corporation and the local chapter also, so get your blanks before May 5th.

The Chapter is planning on entering the Memorial Day parade as a unit, and this matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

— J. E. McMahon.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dep't. Commander: Eugene Dugas, 72 Elm St., Manchester, N. H.
Dep't. Secretary: Leon N. Magee, 68 So. Main St., Penacook, N. H.

CONCORD

Commander: Eugene Gebo
38 Spring St., Penacook, N. H.
Secretary: Nelson LaClair
22 Center St., Penacook, N. H.

The Concord Chapter, YDVA., held its regular meeting on Tuesday evening, March 26th at the State Armory in Concord. The important business of the meeting was the election of Officers. They are as follows:

Commander, EUGENE GEBO; Vice Comm., VICTOR KETCHUM; Secretary, NELSON LACLAIR; Treasurer, LEON MAGEE; Chaplain, JOHN KETCHUM; Sgt.-at-Arms, HARRY WILMOT.

GEORGE FEDOR has returned from a vacation and wedding trip to Florida. Congratulations from the gang, George.

Plans are being made for the installation of the above named officers at the Department meeting in Nashua, N. H., on April 7th.

— N. LACLAIR.

FRANKLIN

"William A. Fenlason Chapter"
Commander: John Dodge
Main Street Police Station, Franklin, N. H.
Secretary: Edward L. Kelton
91 Summit St., Franklin, N. H.

The William A. Fenlason Chapter held its annual meeting Wednesday evening, April 3rd, at which time the following officers were nominated and elected to guide this chapter for the new year. Commander, CHARLES J. MERRILL; Sr. V. Commander, EDWARD L. KELTON; Jr. V. Commander, RAY WESTCOTT; Secretary, ORION BOLDUC; Treasurer, JOHN DODGE; Sgt.-at-Arms, CLATON EATON; Chaplain, ARCHIE MORRILL and two trustees LOUIS T. DINNEEN and FREEMAN R. TRUE.

The newly elected officers will be installed at the next regular meeting which is May 1st.

— EDWARD L. KELTON. Sec.

NASHUA

Commander: Alphonse Tanguay
Milford Road, Nashua, N. H.
Secretary: Hector Pontbriand,
11 Nevada St., Nashua, N. H.

The following slate of Officers were nominated and elected by Nashua Chapter, YDVA, at their meeting on the 19th of March. State Commander GENE DUGAS, assisted by Dept. Sgt.-at-Arms WALTER BOARDMAN installed the newly elected officers as follows:

Commander, ALPHONSE TANGUAY; Sr. V. Comm., DIAMOND NADEAU; Jr. V. Comm., NORMAN SPENCER; Secretary, HECTOR J. PONTBRIAND; Treasurer, ALBERT POULIN; Chaplain, ALFRED GUSTAFSON; Sgt.-at-Arms, WILLIAM SAVAGE; Historian, ELLIOTT CARTER; Trustee, 3 yrs., GEORGE FRENCH.

— H. J. P.

MANCHESTER

Commander: John W. Dunlap
401 Highland St., Manchester, N. H.
Secretary: Edward St.-Jean
845 Clay St., Manchester, N. H.

Manchester Chapter met on Wednesday evening, April 10th, and elected and installed the following officers:

Commander, JOHN W. DUNLAP; Sr. V. Comm., JOSEPH DONNELLY; Jr. V. Comm., LEON TARBELL; Secretary, EDWARD ST.-JEAN; Treasurer, EUGENE DUGAS; Chaplain, JOHN TAYLOR; Sgt.-at-Arms, DANIEL HEALEY; Trustee, MARTIN HOLLERAN, three years.

The chapter formulated plans and named a committee to get one hundred members before the convention. A bang-up meeting is to be held on May 8th at which time the chapter will entertain the Dept. Commander of Mass., AUSTIN F. APPLEBY. Austin is journeying to Manchester and will show his moving pictures, especially "On the Island of Bali". Wow, boys, don't miss it.

— GENE.

ROCHESTER

Strafford County Chapter
Commander: Elie A. Roy
29 Chestnut St., Rochester, N. H.
Secretary: Harold W. Henderson
E. Barrington, N. H.

Strafford County Chapter, YDVA, met Monday night, March 25th at the VFW Hall. Four new members were voted in and at this writing their membership cards are on their way to them. We voted to raise to $3.00 the dues of the chapter starting April 1st as a means of raising money to carry on the chapter. Also voted to sell tickets on a prize of $25.00 as a start toward

purchasing colors. We hope to have them in Boston for the parade in June. Will be glad to send some tickets to any of the chapters that would like to help us out.

Held our regular meeting Monday night, April 8, not a very large turn-out as the weather was against us.

Six of the boys went up to Nashua, Sunday, to the State District meeting, reported a fine time.

We are still hearing reports of our blow-out of March 10th, we hope at some future date we may be able to put on another like it. Eyes are beginning to turn toward Boston and the Convention with all trying to snitch a buck here and there so as to be able to attend.

Thirteen members with dues paid for 1940, 13 more with good intentions and as soon as they can get the cash.

— H. W. HENDERSON.

DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

Dep't. Commander: Joseph G. Abair, 8 Hubbard St., Montpelier, Vt.

BRATTLEBORO

Commander: John W. Blake
169 So. Main St., Brattleboro, Vt.
Secretary: Howard A. Thayer
16 Spruce St., Brattleboro, Vt.

The meeting of the Brattleboro Chapter was held on the evening of April 18th. Commander CUDWORTH installed the following officers for the coming year. Commander, JOHN W. BLAKE; 1st Vice-Commander LEON O. BARNES; 2nd Vice-Commander, LYMAN F. BARRETT; Secretary, HOWARD A. THAYER; Treasurer, GEORGE F. WILLARD; Chaplain, JOSEPH L. FLEMING; Sergeant-at-Arms, NICK SCHULTZ; Historian, JOHN MADAU; Service Officer, WILLIAM CUDWORTH.

The next meeting will be a social affair with the ladies invited. The feed will be prepared by our Chef FRED HEAP and he can do a great job at it. Also good at mixing punches so there is a lot of conversation in it.

— L. BARRETT.

FRANKLIN COUNTY CHAPTER

St. Albans, Vermont
Commander: Claude L. Locklin
8 Brainerd St., St. Albans, Vt.
Secretary: Donald J. Cullen
6 Edward St., St. Albans, Vt.

The Installation of the newest Chapter of the YDVA was held at St. Albans, Vermont, on Thursday evening, April 25th, at the Elks' home. The following Officers were installed: Commander, CLAUDE L. LOCKLIN; 1st Vice-Commander, ARTHUR T. ROGERSON; 2nd Vice-Commander, A. E. SPAULDING; Secretary, DONALD J. CULLEN; Treasurer, CHARLES E. SHANNON; Chaplain, A. WITHINGTON; Sergeant-at-Arms, J. W. DALY; Historian, C. E. PELL.

The Installing Officer was State Department Commander, JOE ABAIR, assisted by Acting National Secretary H. GUY WATTS as Sergeant-at-Arms.

Mass. State Department Commander APPLEBY and GUY WATTS made a quick trip to be at the installation, leaving Boston at noon Thursday and getting in to St. Albans about 8:00 P. M., and had to take the 11 o'clock train back to Boston so as to be back in time for the 104th reunion in Worcester on Friday and Saturday.

The only talks of the evening were by APPLEBY and WATTS. They stressed the YD comradeship and the social contacts obtained by Chapter meetings. Also gave a short resumé of the tentative program for the Convention. After the meeting the members gathered around a punch bowl and had sandwiches and other refreshments.

RUTLAND

Commander: Raymond E. Collins
101 Grove St., Rutland, Vt.
Secretary: William Woodbury
109 No. Main St., Rutland, Vt.

The Rutland Chapter held its postponed meeting with twenty-five members present. Following a supper the business was held and plans are under way for sending a good size delegation to the Convention in June.

Dues for several members were collected and more will follow. JOE ABAIR, Department Commander, spoke about the formation of a new chapter at St. Albans, Vt., with 12 new members paid up and signs of going places.

JOHN STRONG of Bellows Falls and Springfield spoke of plans under way for a YD reunion to be held at the American Legion Convention to be held in Bellows Falls, Vt., the latter part of July.

CHARLIE GLEASON of Cavandish invited the chapter to hold its May meeting at his camp

on Lake Rescue in Ludlow. Charlie said that his invitation extended clear from here to Boston and any one wanting to attend a good meeting and a swell feed to drive up and join us on May ninth.

It was voted to participate in the exercises with the Sons of Veterans on Decoration Day, May 30th. Gov. Aiken will be the speaker and we look forward to one of the largest Decoration Day celebrations in recent years.

The American Legion has revived the Charity Ball held for many years by the GAR and the Colors of the Rutland Chapter, Y.D.V.A., will be in the place of honor in the hall.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Dep't. Commander: Austin F. Appleby, 333 Washington St., Boston, Mass.
Dep't. Secretary: Dennis J. Brunton, 42 Ranney St., Springfield, Mass.

Mass. State Commander's Report

In order not to take too much space, I will condense my report. I have made, only, a report every three months and, if I were to go into detail of all the happenings and doings throughout the State, it would fill a book. However, I must compliment all the Chapter Secretaries for their fine reports which have been sent into DOINGS, thereby, making it unnecessary for me to add to their writings.

February

3—Portland, Me., Pictures.
4—Haverhill, Mass., State Meeting.
16—Springfield, Mass., Pictures.
21—Lowell, Mass., Annual Banquet.
27—Concord, Mass., Contact Visit.

March

3—Marlboro, Mass., State Meeting.
9—Boston National Executive Meeting.
10—Rochester, N. H., State Meeting.
12—Lowell, Mass., Pictures.
16—Willimantic, Conn., Installation.
17—Providence, R. I., State Meeting, Pictures.
19—Concord, Mass., Organization, New Chapter.
21—Boston, Smoker.
27—Danvers, Mass., Installation.
31—Worcester, Convention Talk.

April

7—Milford, Mass., State Meeting.
10—Gardner, Mass., Organization, New Chapter.
12—Pawtucket, R. I., Installation.
13—Springfield, Mass., Installation.
16—Lynn, Mass., Installation.
18—Worcester, Mass., Dinner and Dance.
19—Concord Chapter, Patriots' Day Celebration.
23—Haverhill.
25—St. Albans, Vermont, Charter Presentation.
27—Reading, Installation.

Next State Department Meeting, Foxboro, May 5, 1940, American Legion Hall, at 2 P. M. Installation of Foxboro Officers.

— AUSTIN F. APPLEBY,
Mass. State Commander.

BEVERLY

Commander: Joseph H. Metcalfe
66C Bridge St., Beverly, Mass.
Secretary: George A. Bright
39 Eastern Ave., Beverly, Mass.

At our meeting of March 28th we had quite a turn-out, both regular attendants and a few we have not seen for quite a while. With the advent of fairly decent weather we are looking forward to bigger and better meetings. After our regular routine of business was taken care of, Chaplain HEALD favored us with some movies. About six months ago the Chaplain showed us a picture of Wallace Beery and Raymond Hatton in "At the Front". Due to the fact that we did not have time to see all the picture — we left Beery and Hatton in a mud hole — but at last we have seen the entire picture, much to the satisfaction of all present.

Our first meeting of April was for the election of officers, with the following results:

Commander, GEORGE A. BRIGHT; Sr. Vice Commander, ABEL KATZ; Jr. Vice Commander, FRED CREED; Chaplain, HAROLD HEALD; Sec.-Treas., CEDRIC HODGEMAN; Sgt.-at-Arms, AUGUSTUS CRESSEY; Trustee, 3 yrs., FRED HAMMOND; Trustee, 1 yr., CARL HOSELY.

Our installation of officers will take place on Thursday evening, April 25.

I had the privilege of representing the Beverly Chapter at the installation of officers of the Lynn Chapter. I hope our installation goes off as smoothly as Lynn's. P.N.C. RAYMOND DOUCETTE is going to do the installing of our Officers.

As this is the last article I am to write for the

YANKEE DOINGS, I wish to take this opportunity to thank the staff of the magazine for their cooperation in the past year. But I am sure that our new Secretary CEDRIC HODGEMAN, 19 Federal St., Beverly, will keep you well posted on the activities of our chapter.

All up for a bigger and better YD for 1940-1941.

— GEO. BRIGHT.

BOSTON

Commander: Benjamin James
88 Broad St., Boston, Mass.
Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

The regular monthly Smoker for April was held on Thursday evening, April 18th with Colonel C. W. Furlong as the Guest Speaker. There was a capacity crowd on hand with every seat taken and standing room at a premium. Colonel Furlong had one of his very best lectures on Turkey and the Balkan states. The Colonel was at his best and held the interest of the crowd to the very end with his intimate personal knowledge of those states that are commanding the front page of every newspaper these days.

The membership has indications at this time to be the greatest we ever had. At the present time we are almost to the three hundred mark which is two weeks ahead of last year and by the time the magazine is out we should be well over that.

The House Detective gives warning that he will not tolerate any more poker playing and that goes for the Teacher too.

LES PERRY is on the loose again.

ROCCO has passed out of the picture. We recommend his compo be increased on account of old age.

MOONEY has taken a run-out since he went to work for Uncle Sam.

MALONE is still Sheriff of Titicut.

HOWARD HUNT is acting like he belongs to the Boston Club. Don't think he can stand the gaff.

"Two bit" SMITH has become "Swing and Miss" SMITH. The promotion was due him. Will somebody tell the P.M.

SPOONER has made funeral arrangements, Get in line boys.

ED CONNOR is still a Republican — Me too.

Surprise — Chick is still on the Wagon.

NAPPIE still checks in to you. Watch out strangers.

AL PACIFICI would like to play but is afraid that it would injure his voice. Any excuse is better than none.

YD POST NO. 290 AMERICAN LEGION

On Monday evening, May 6, a social and dance will be held by the YD Post at the YD Club. This will be known as an "Old Timers' Night". We have engaged a very popular orchestra to furnish old-time and modern music. All YD comrades and their friends are invited to be with us on this night as a program that everyone will enjoy is promised. Many special attractions are to be featured as the committee is working hard to make this night one of the outstanding events of the year. Tickets are fifty cents and may be secured at the YD Club. EDDIE BURKE, V.C., is chairman of the committee, and is being assisted by JOE SIMMONS P.C., JIM POWERS, BILL RILEY P.C., NED WHALEN Comm., JIM DEVLIN, MIKE MCNEIL, JIM WILLIAMSON, TOM MCDEVITT, MAL MORRISON V.C., JIM BEST, JIM KELLEY, and BILL KINSMAN, Sgt.-at-Arms.

Our membership drive is still on and we are witnessing a great increase in our membership. It seems like old times to see so many of our former members coming back into the Post. Along with the new members who are joining, it appears now that we are certainly going places this year.

Do you belong to the YD Post? If not, we would be very glad to have you with us.

Owing to the numerous activities we have lined up for this year, it was voted on at the last meeting that we meet twice a month instead of once until further notice. Commander NED WHELAN has expressed himself as being very well pleased at the interest the members are showing at our meetings.

"Once again", as Major Bowes would say, "If you think that you would like to be with your own comrades, just drop a line or better still, send three dollars to our Adjutant GUY WATTS at the YD Club and rest assured we will be happy to have you with us. Good evening friends."

Don't forget the "Old Timers' Night" on Monday evening, May 6. Bring your friends and show them a real party.

— JIM POWERS.

House cleaning time is here again and there will be many articles found tucked away in closets and attics that will be of no use to you again. Why not give them to the Auxiliary for

their Rummage Sale to be held the latter part of May? Call Gertrude MacLean, Stadium 8019 (evenings) and she will arrange to collect the donations, or they can be left at the club. The proceeds will be used for our Hospital and Welfare Work.

The Weekly Bridge and Whist Parties are still being held at the club and are becoming quite a community affair. Many people living in the vicinity of the club attend every week. It would be good to see more members of the Post and Auxiliary at these parties. Catherine Collins, Chairman, and Claire Poulton are to be commended for their good work in trying to make the parties a success. They spend several days every week shopping around for suitable prizes.

The Auxiliary is cooperating with the Post and Squadron on Memorial Day and will assist in serving a luncheon after the exercises at the cemeteries.

— H. S. O'B., P.C.

CONCORD

Commander: B. Alcott Pratt
73 Main St., Concord, Mass.
Secretary: Reginald A. Morgan
99 Main St., Concord, Mass.

Still in civies (except our Commander), with a microscopic treasury but with a growing tide of YD spirit the new Minute-Man Chapter moves on up to take its place in the front line of the Y.D.V.A.

With thirty-two paid up members, a half dozen applicants and a territory full of YD eligibles we look forward with confidence to a membership of fifty at least before convention time.

The annual Patriots' Day celebration and parade here gave us a ready made opportunity to show the town and its visitors that the Y.D.V.A. has gone places. With the loyal co-operation of the Lynn Chapter, with its colors, the Salem Chapter and comrades from Fitchburg, Haverhill and elsewhere we were able to make a showing which brought out very enthusiastic comments.

Dept. Commander Appleby and his Sgt.-at-Arms Jim Sullivan represented the Y.D.V.A. at the luncheon given for distinguished guests of the Town and are reported to have done so with great credit.

The Executive Committee have had two meetings at which a Constitution and By-Laws have been drafted for presentation to the Chapter at the next meeting on May 2nd. At that time we plan to make a drive for convention registrations and bolster our infant treasury with some of those 50c refunds to Chapters for early registrations.

Commander Pratt and the Chapter Secretary attended the State Department meeting in Milford and besides being greatly impressed with the spirit of comradeship which prevailed there sent in a rush order for YD Berets. Not begrudging 20c to the Department they were nevertheless conscious of what that sum could do for their own Chapter treasury.

The Foxboro Chapter can look for a delegation from Concord when they entertain the Dept. on May 5th. We hope to make it a big one because we want as many as possible of our Chapter to be thoroughly exposed to the YD spirit which we know will be found there.

Although it is probable that for this spring our efforts will be concentrated on organizing and our meetings pretty much businesslike we shall always be glad to see visiting comrades. In the fall we hope to settle down to some YD get-togethers on a more social basis and to cultivating the spirit of comradeship at which you fellows in the other Chapters have done such a grand job.

— Rex A. Morgan, Sec'y.

DANVERS

Commander: Edward W. Bates
20 Central Ave., Danvers, Mass.
Secretary: Charles W. Davis
21 Holten St., Danvers, Mass.

Danvers Chapter held their monthly meeting at Mrs. Pike's Inn, Middleton. Mrs. Pike served one of her famous chicken dinners with all the fixings. 25 members showed up and we all had a fine time. We were honored with the presence of our Dept. Commander Austin F. Appleby and his 250-lbs. Dept. Sgt.-at-Arms "Cowboy" Jim Sullivan, who installed the following officers to lead the Danvers Chapter for the coming year:

Commander, Edward W. Bates; Sr. V. Comm., Wesley B. Grover; Jr. V. Comm., Paul Moore; Secretary, Charles W. Davis; Treasurer, Ernest Fossa; Chaplain, Joseph LeVasseur; Trustee, William Spence.

The Chapter voted unanimously to endorse and work for the election of our present Dept. Commander Austin Appleby for the office of National Commander at the coming Convention in Boston. It also went on record as against the proposed changes in our National set-up of

Vice Commanders. The opinion seems to be that the present set-up of having our Dept. Commanders as Nat. Vice Commanders in the National organization is working satisfactory and sees no need for changing.

We had as guest MYRON HUTCHINSON of Salem, a YD boy who served with several Danvers Chapter members in the 102nd Med. Detach. We put the bead on Myron and am in hopes that we can get him into the chapter if we can get a release from Salem chapter.

One of our members, PAUL MOORE has just been elected to the Water Board and tried his darndest to keep us from drinking the water because, he says, it is only fit to wash in. FOREST WILEY agreed with him and laid off the water. How about it Forest? We also voted to have all our future meetings at Mrs. Pike's Inn. 'Nough said. — C. W. DAVIS.

FITCHBURG

Commander: Thomas Kennedy
121 Boutelle St., Fitchburg, Mass.
Secretary: Bernard W. Brown
73 Blossom St., Fitchburg, Mass.

Our Commander THOMAS KENNEDY called for enough men to fill a bus for Milford and he got it. When he wants a detail or special meeting you find the men in back of him, and pulling with him. Cooperation is the word and that's why the Fitchburg Chapter is so successful in everything it undertakes.

For instance, a bus was chartered which holds 37 —32 went in it to Milford and 31 came back including a Scotch Highlander without the pipes that makes 32. Not so bad, eh, comrades. Major Bowes has heard a lot of good singers during his periods on the radio but he certainly missed something when he missed our bus ride to Fitchburg. One of the comrades was asked the next morning by GETE SHEA what the matter was with his voice. "Oh," he said, "just laryngitis." The Mayor of our city, Comrade WOOLACOTT enjoyed the trip to the State meeting and glad to see such a good turnout. This time the uniform was won by J. CRAIN at our April meeting. We had movies of our Navy, which everyone enjoyed. See you comrades at our next State meeting. — BERNARD W. BROWN, Sec.

FOXBORO

Commander: Joseph P. Dean
10 Coccaset St., Foxboro, Mass.
Secretary: Roland G. Hoogerzeil
6 Davis St., Mansfield, Mass.

Foxboro Chapter had a corking good meeting on April 4th in Foxboro with 50% of the membership present. It was voted that the chapter meet the first Tuesday of each month, also that a committee try to get a flat yearly rate for Coccaset Hall. The chapter is running a raffle with 100 gals. fuel oil as first prize; 50 gals. fuel oil second prize. The winning tickets will be drawn at the July meeting.

The following officers were nominated and elected for the ensuing year: Commander, JOSEPH P. DEAN; Sr. V. Commander, GEORGE COOPER; Jr. Vice Commander, NATHAN SARGENT; Chaplain, JOSEPH RINGUETTE; Treasurer, PAUL WALSH; Secretary, ROLAND HOOGERZEIL; Color bearers, MYRON PEABODY and FRED KNIGHT; Color guards, WILLIAM WARLEY and IRVIN LANE; Trustees, FRANK LUDOVICI and WINTHROP LAUF.

It was a very interesting meeting and we hope to get 100% attendance at the State meeting on Sunday, May 5th.

OTIS POTTER, Co. C, 104th Inf., is living in No. Foxboro. He drives a town truck. Has six children. POTTER says he had GUY WATTS as K.P. in Clinton in 1917. How about it GUY?

FRED KNIGHT (our Framingham member) was nominated as delegate to the iron moulders convention in St. Louis. Hope he makes it.

HOOGERZEIL was elected Sr. V. Comm. of Post 3264 VFW. PARSHLEY was elected Jr. V. Comm. BILL WARLEY is the outgoing Commander.

— R. HOOGERZEIL.

GARDNER

Commander: Max R. Whitestone
21 Winslow St., Gardner, Mass.
Secretary: James Stomber
101 Temple St., Gardner, Mass.

Well, well and well. Another baby chapter has been born to the YDVA. Ye scribe along with four other YD vagabonds, assisted by a swell moon, invigorating night air, and several double-headers journeyed to Gardner, Mass., on Wednesday evening, April 10, and helped to bring into being another lusty youngster for the YDVA. Arriving about 8.00 P. M., we were greeted by a goodly crowd of enthusiastic prospects.

MAX WHITESTONE who has been working hard to get this chapter going brought to a successful climax his sincere efforts. It took several months to instill the proper spirit into his "gang", but when it took hold, things began to happen. MAX opened the meeting and turned it over to Dept. Comander AUSTIN F. APPLEBY.

Commander APPLEBY introduced the following guests and called on each one of them for a few remarks:—

Act. Secretary H. GUY WATTS, Boston; Ass't. Nat. Sec. HOWARD W. HUNT, Providence; Dept. Sgt.-at-Arms JIM SULLIVAN, Boston; Dept. Treas. ARTHUR SHEA, Fitchburg; Past Dept. Comm. CLYDE O. ELLIOTT, Worcester; Chap. Comm. ALBERT MAXWELL, No. Reading; Chap. Comm. TOM KENNEDY, Fitchburg; Comrade ERROLL EMERY, Boston.

During the course of the various remarks several suggestions and ideas were unfolded for the benefit of the members of this baby chapter. With all the suggestions which burst forth, Gardner Chapter should be well able to get a good start and go places.

Following the speakers a nominating committee was appointed to draw up a slate of Officers. The committee consisted of GUSTAF JOHNSON, TACKENSY SADOWSKI and FELIX GENTIS. While the committee was meeting in an adjoining room the following visiting guests were introduced and spoke briefly:

Major Beeman formerly of the old 6th Mass. NG, but who didn't go across with the Division; Police Chief Cy LaBlance of Fitchburg; Hugh Hunter, State Representative and member of the Spanish War Vets; Commander Edward O'Donnell, Fitchburg Post of the American Legion; Past Commander Edward Componeau, Fitchburg Post of the V.F.W.

The following Officers were nominated and elected to guide Gardner Chapter during the coming year:—

Commander, MAX R. WHITESTONE; Sr. V. Comm., GEORGE H. BRIDGE; Jr. V. Comm., EUCLID GINGRAS; Secretary and Treasurer, JAMES T. STOMBER; Chaplain, ARTHUR PETERS; Sgt.-at-Arms, THEODORE A. LAJOIE; Historian, GUY L. MILLER; Trustees, FRANK LANDRY, GUSTAF JOHNSON.

The members decided to hold another meeting real soon and decide upon the date for the Installation of the Officers and the presentation of their Charter.

Following the meeting refreshments were served and our hard working Dept. Commander produced his moving picture paraphernalia and went to work. Mr. EDMUND S. BLIER, an associate member of the No. Reading chapter greatly added to the showing by playing musical numbers on the piano. On the Island of Bali, the hit of all his pictures, again scored with a bang.

The trip home was made in lightening speed, despite the fact that it was necessary for Cowboy and The Timber Wolf to wet their whistles a few times at favorite spots along the road. We arrived back in Boston, safe and sound at 2.00 A. M.

— HOWARD W. HUNT.

HAVERHILL

Commander: Martin F. Goyette
95 Bradford Ave., Haverhill, Mass.
Secretary: Elmer C. Eaton
P. O. Box 93, Ward Hill, Mass.

The first meeting in April was held the second Tuesday with a large attendance, Commander MARTIN GOYETTE presiding.

There were seven members of the Haverhill Chapter and Auxiliary that went to the Springfield Installation, April 13, and they sure had a wonderful time. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. TOM CROKAN during their stay of Sat. and Sun. Tom and Kit Crokan are two great scouts and the Springfield YD should be proud to have two such loyal, hospitable YD members.

April 16 — Six members of Haverhill Chapter and Auxiliary attended the Installation of the Lynn Chapter and Auxiliary held at the Edison Hotel and they all had a swell time.

Our YD glee club composed of youngsters made their first public appearance at an entertainment given by the G.A.R. Ladies' Auxiliary, Friday evening, April 19 and with only four rehearsals the kids did a swell job. Miss Mary Pluff, the directoress, of the glee club deserves a lot of credit for putting the kids into shape in such a short time. Keep up the good work, Mary, the Chapter and Auxiliary are 100% for you. Oh yes, these kids will sing at the YD Convention in Boston.

Our meeting of April 23rd was a short one owing to the "Get-Together" party of the YD Vets. State Comm. APPLEBY and his handsome bodyguard, "Little Boy" SULLIVAN did a wonderful job with the picture machine which was enjoyed by all. There was a selection of songs sung by the Glee Club and a tap dance by Mary Hamilton, also a song by Directoress Mary Pluff and a duet by two young boys, offsprings of YD Senior V.C. WIGHTMAN and TED BRINDAMOUR. A buffet lunch was served after the entertainment in old Army style, "Come and get it"., with plenty of seconds, in charge of Mrs. Ann Pluff of the Auxiliary, as the rest of the Auxiliary was on detached service.

Taps were sounded for CARROL PULLEN, a Batt. A man of 102nd F.A., who died very sud-

denly at work in the Haverhill Post Office. CARROL was a man who always had a smile and was liked by all of his comrades. After being discharged from the army CARROL worked for the U. S. Postal Service. He leaves a wife and young child.

— Sec. ELMER EATON.

HAVERHILL AUXILIARY

On March 29, 1940, the Auxiliary went to the Capri in Lawrence to celebrate their second birthday. Twenty members and their escorts enjoyed a delicious supper and floor show. The Master of Ceremonies announced that the ladies were there, also that a YD veteran, Mr. GORDON and his wife from Miami, Fla., were the guests of the Auxiliary in celebration of their 15th anniversary.

The Auxiliary is very busy these days planning for the Convention in June. We have a Glee Club formed and we are quite proud of the children.

On Friday evening, May 3rd, the Auxiliary is sponsoring a fried clam supper and entertainment to which the public is invited.

At our April 10th meeting we had the pleasure of welcoming our first President Lillian Dwyer who was home on a visit from St. Petersburg.

— Olive Gordon, Secretary.

LOWELL

Commander: Royal K. Hayes
75 Merrimack St., Lowell, Mass.
Secretary: Quincy B. Park
119 Viola St., Lowell, Mass.

Last November a delegation from Lowell Chapter were invited to be the guests of the Boston Chapter at which time Col. Edwin H. Cooper, D.S.C., showed his colored motion pictures of Finland. Our members were so impressed with these pictures that we made plans to have same program shown here. Our plans materialized on April 2nd when we sponsored this program in the Lowell Memorial Auditorium.

We were able to donate one hundred dollars to the Finnish Relief Fund, twenty-five dollars to the Lowell High School Band who gave a concert before the picture was shown and who are conducting a drive to secure funds for a trip to the World's Fair. Donations of ten dollars were made to the C.M.T.C. who served as ushers; a like amount to the Police Department and a five dollar donation made to the Girl Officers of the Lowell High School in appreciation of their services in assisting the ushers.

An indication of the good will the public holds for our Chapter is expressed in the following copy of an article run on the first page of the Lowell *Evening Leader* and written by its editor, Charles E. Gallagher:

YD Serves Again

The beautiful natural color movies of Finland presented last evening in the Memorial Auditorium by Col. Edwin H. Cooper, D.S.C. should have attracted a larger audience. Nevertheless, this public service undertaking by the local Yankee Division Veterans was successful in that it demonstrated to the public that men who offered their lives in the world war, did not necessarily become perpetual self-seekers when they returned to civil life. The YD men risked a considerable sum in this undertaking and put in weeks of hard work to make it possible, and those who were privileged to enjoy Col. Cooper's dramatic narration of the courage, moral cleanliness, and physical hardihood of the Finns are indebted to the former service men for a thrilling and instructive evening.

Our own treasury benefited considerably by this venture and for the first time we have a respectable balance in our treasury.

The committee in charge of this affair included, QUINCY B. PARK, Chairman; EUGENE RICARD, WALLACE G. DUNCAN, RUSSELL M. SMITH, LOUIS RENAUD, EDWIN A. ROBEY.

A great deal of credit is due the following members in selling a large number of tickets for this affair: DORAN S. LYONS, JOHN C. LEGGAT, WALLACE G. DUNCAN, CLARENCE HILDRETH, CHARLES A. STEVENS, THOMAS S. SILVA, ARTHUR H. CASHIN, EDWARD SCULLIN, JOHN J. O'ROURKE and ROLAND W. BLACK.

Our regular meeting which would have been held April 9th was postponed until April 23rd at which time we had as our guests FRANK COPPINGER, National Service Officer and ERROLL EMERY from Boston. We also were honored to have with us Commander B. ALCOTT PRATT, J.V.C. ALFRED JULES and WILLIAM F. MCCARTHY from the newly formed Concord Chapter. FRANK COPPINGER gave a very interesting talk on Veteran legislation and at the close of his talk a number of the members had questions to be answered.

Commander PRATT thanked members for their interest in his Chapter and invited a delegation to attend one of their meetings.

Our Commander, ROYAL K. HAYES, being nominated for the office of National Americanism officer tendered his resignation to take effect May 28th, as Commander of the Lowell Chapter.

We are all extremely sorry that he will cease to be our Commander although we are proud to have a member of our Chapter nominated to this important National office. Lowell Chapter has benefited in many ways by his unfailing energy regarding all YD activities.

RUSSELL M. STACK, who has been confined to the Chelsea Naval Hospital for the past several weeks has returned to his home and attended our meeting for a few minutes. We are all glad to see you back, RUSSELL, and hope you will continue to improve. — Q. B. P.

LYNN

Commander: Walter N. Smith
Secretary: Earl Bailey
77 Kensington Lane, Swampscott, Mass.

New officers were elected as follows: Commander, WALTER N. SMITH, formerly of Co. H, 104th Infantry, and Lynn should go place under his leadership; Senior Vice Comm., PERLEY KNIGHT, who served with 101st Engineers; and Junior Vice Comm., CLAUDE HOAG, of Battery D, 101st F.A., and membership should go to town with his leadership; then Secretary, EARL BAILEY; Treasurer, A. RAYMOND DOUCETTE; Sgt.-at-Arms, IVAN COMEAU; Historian, LEON VARNAM; Chaplain, GEORGE WARREN; Judge Advocate, CARL RUDDOCK; Service Officer, CHARLES SCANLON; Hospitalization Officer, MICHAEL GAROFANO; Executive Comm., EUSTIS GRIMES, chairman, THOMAS CURRAN, Col. HARRY SILSBEE, ROYAL THOMAS, HERBERT COULMAN; Trust Fund Trustee, 3 year term, THOMAS CURRAN.

Officers were installed April 16th at Hotel Edison with P.N.C. RAY DOUCETTE acting as Installing Officer assisted by ROBERT QUINN acting as Sgt.-at-Arms and ROBERT NEWMAN as Adjutant.

About 300 guests and members were present, JERRY O'LEARY, our Nat. Com., led the list of guests along with State Com. AUSTIN APPLEBY, and State Com.-elect JOHN SULLIVAN, and Acting Nat. Sec. GUY WATTS, and HOWARD HUNT.

Delegations were present from Salem, Beverly, Danvers, Haverhill, Boston, North Reading, Pawtucket (that's the old spirit Al), YD Chapters along with Commanders of all greater Lynn V.F.W. and Amer. Legion Posts.

A fine program of entertainment was furnished by Rita Couillard, Ruth Fiske, Concetta Garofano and Lloyd Pitman all real YD'ers. Mrs. Christine Heftye, Auxiliary President, and Mrs. Walter Smith were presented flowers. That old reliable ROYAL THOMAS acted as Master of Ceremonies and as usual did a swell job. Retiring Commander MICHAEL GAROFANO was presented a beautiful YD plaque as were Past Commanders LEON VARNAM and RAY DOUCETTE.

Lynn YD "Barrage" started off to its second 6 months' issue with that live wire CARL RUDDOCK again acting as Editor and PERLEY KNIGHT as business manager. Doing a swell job fellows.

Our big monthly smoker of the year is to be held April 30th at Club quarters, to be known as "Apremont Night."

Chief Walter Reeves of the Swampscott Police one of the nation's best marksman will put on his master marksmanship exhibition. A great fellow this Chief. One of our good members WARREN DOHERTY is the Chief's chief detective or plain clothes man. We are proud of the Swampscott group in our Chapter.

New members this month are: JOSEPH GREENE 102nd F.A., CHAUNCEY DAY Bat. A, 101st F.A., JOSEPH RILEY, Co. D, 104th Inf., ARTHUR FLYNN Bat. E, 101st F.A., BYRON MAYBIE, Co. B, 101st Am. Tr., WILLIAM BOYLE, Bat F, 101st F.A., WILLIAM GAFFNEY Bat. D, 101st F.A.

— RAY DOUCETTE.

MARLBOROUGH

Commander: Alphonse Lessard
Clover Hill, Marlborough, Mass.
Secretary: Harry E. Sherman
52 Neil St., Marlborough, Mass.

Meeting of Marlborough chapter was held on March 26th in Legion Hall with the Commander presiding. The various chapter reports were rendered and passed.

Treas. LACROIX was unable to be present at the meeting because of being hospitalized in Rutland. The following membership committee was appointed: HARRY SHERMAN, chairman; MICHAEL CAVANAUGH, MILFORD HAMELIN, NICHOLAS SCOURAS, JAMES MILLETTE, LOUIS LACROIX.

Marlborough Chapter went on record as favoring a Past Commanders Lapel Button and will present a resolution at the State Dept. meeting to be held in Milford, April 7th.

Two comrades who were members of this chapter passed away last month, WILLIAM J. MCNAMARA and JOHN H. MANNING.

— HARRY SHERMAN.

MILFORD

Commander: Michael J. Hachey
71 Main St., Milford, Mass.
Secretary: William A. O'Reilly
62 Bancroft Park, Hopedale, Mass.

At our last meeting held April 19th we had a membership of 27 and expect to have more in the near future. The following were elected to serve Milford chapter for the coming year:

Commander, MICHAEL HACHEY, 2nd term; Secretary, WILLIAM O'REILLY; Treasurer, OTIS L. STONE; Honorary Commander, Major CROCKETT.

After the election we enjoyed an evening of entertainment and a real quahog supper. Major CROCKETT was the chef, and boy, oh boy, how he can cook. Incidentally the meeting was held at Major CROCKETT's home in Milford. He has a beautiful layout attached to his garage with a seating capacity of 75 and he has offered the same to us at anytime, so from now on it will be known as the "YD Dugout". We meet on the third Friday of each month and any YD man is always welcome.

We will be represented at the next State meeting you may be sure and you will always find Milford Chapter trying to do its part.

— WM. A. O'REILLY.

READING

Chateau Thierry Chapter
Commander: Albert C. Maxwell
15 Gardner Rd., Reading, Mass.
Secretary: Thomas H. Campbell
11 Wilson St., Reading, Mass.

On March 14th we held our regular business meeting with just a shade better than half the members present. Those absent lost out on an exceptionally nice talk given by P.N.C. RAY DOUCETTE, who was our guest for the evening, as was also Dept. V. Comm. JOHNNY SULLIVAN. RAY was tops and I know we all left the hall feeling a bit chestier and cockier than when we entered, knowing that we were members of that grand old YD. Johnny also gave a talk, which, though brief, was nevertheless interesting. Thanks a lot Ray and John and drop in again.

We nominated officers for the coming year. The election to be held on April 11th and the installation the latter part of April.

On Friday, March 22nd, we made three grand G.A.R. men, honorary members of our chapter. Commander MAXWELL had three honorary membership letters written up and framed and they were presented to G.A.R. veterans, Simpson of Wilmington; Bachelder of No. Reading, and Pratt of Reading.

The chairman of the Reading board of selectmen, Mr. Morton, and Selectman CARL GOODRIDGE, one of our comrades, were kind enough to be with us at the presentation.

Things are beginning to look up a bit now that the old year is near its end. Don't forget friends, our meeting nights are the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month.

On April 11th we held our election of Officers and had 25 of our 37 members present, which is an unusually good turn out. Our new Officers for the coming year are as follows: Commander, ALBERT C. MAXWELL; Sr. Vice Commander, THOMAS H. CAMPBELL; Jr. Vice Commander, CLARENCE THOMAS; Secretary, THOMAS H. CAMPBELL; Treasurer, CARL GOODRICH; Historian, JOSEPH CARDER; Chaplain, WILLIAM WARD; Sgt.-at-Arms, JAMES O'ROUKE; Directors, THOMAS FERRIS, DUSTIN DOWNS, CHAUNCY BROOKS, GRAHAM QUINN, HERBERT ROBINSON.

Our installation will be held on Monday night, April 29th, at the Legion Hall in Reading Sq. We have already sent out letters to the neighboring Chapters, inviting them to attend and are in hopes will have a nice crowd on hand.

This is the beginning of our first full year in the Y.D.V.A. The few months that we have been in the organization have proved one thing in particular to us, "we should have joined up years ago."

Our Chapter is growing, a bit slow, but nevertheless progress is being made in the right direction.

On Thursday, April 25th, we are holding a Penny Sale at the old Hose House, for the Color Fund. We are holding several others, so keep your eye on Chapter events, and don't miss the monster Penny Sale, late in June.

The State or Dept. Installation will be held in Reading on July 7th, this is our party, and be assured it will be a party that is a party.

After April 29th our new Officers will be in command. Drop out to the Chateau Thierry Chapter either the second or fourth Thursday of each month, and say Hello to them and the rest of the boys.

— THOMAS H. CAMPBELL,
Secretary.

SALEM

Commander: Thomas J. Bannon
12 May St., Salem, Mass.
Secretary: Charles A. Laforme
33 Balcom St., Salem, Mass.

Friday, April 5 — Election of Officers. One of the largest attendance on record, 33 members out of a possible 43, a regular family reunion, some of the Buddies we seldom see — Comrades "Insurance" DUCHARME, Bill "Mailman" LINSKEY, "Silver Slipper" HURLEY, "Top-Kick" MIKE O'ROUKE, "Zipper" CARROLL, JACK COOLEY, ALLAN FELLOWS, "Cribbage" PELLETIER, "D Batt." JOHN BURBINE, all the way from Melrose; "Dimma" WOODS, "One Round" LAREAU.

Officers elected — Commander, "Tiny" JOHN WALSH; S. V. Comm., "Home Guard" JOE ST. CHARLES; J. V. Comm., "Candy" EMILE GAGNON; Treasurer, "Money Bag" THIBODEAU; Judge Advocate, "Citronella" H. ST. CHARLES; Chaplain, "Youse Guys" BANNON; Trustees, "Paint Brush Artist" THIBAULT; WILLIE "Ham" MCHUGH; JOHNNY STREET; "Peanut" CALHOUN; "Count" CHARLES LAFORME.

"Baby Dumpling" TOMKINS said the only reason he was not elected is because he did not get enough votes, you and I both BELINDA everything happens to us.

Sunday, April 7, twenty-five members from Salem Chapter attended State Meeting held in Milford to support yours truly for State Commander. I am sorry I could not make the grade. 25 members out of a possible 43 is my idea of loyalty, comradeship, and YD spirit. To the members of Salem chapter and the other Buddies who gave me their votes, all I can say is Thanks. To lose by 13 votes against (loaded dices) is no disgrace. Top this one for loyalty — My Top-Kick "Peanut" CALHOUN just out of the Chelsea Naval Hospital and still under the doctor's care had his chauffeur drive him all the way from Beverly Farms to Milford to give a Buddy his support. Eddie cannot attend meetings yet, keep your chin up Eddie the gang is pulling for you.

April 19 — Nine members of Salem visited Concord and turned out in the parade with Commander PRATT and Concord Chapter, we had a swell time, except BELINDA TOMKINS, he said, "I went to Concord last month and missed out on the sugar doughnuts and again I make another trip to Concord and again I missed out on the sugar doughnuts, what a world!"

Installation date change because of 104th Inf. Reunion is April 27 — new date April 29 — now it is changed again to May 4th, because April 29 is Reading Installation, May 4 is definite I hope, I hope.

— "Also Ran" THIBAULT.

SPRINGFIELD

Commander: Roy N. Coons
51 Elmdale St., W. Springfield, Mass.
Secretary: Roswell F. Patch
98 Alden St., Springfield, Mass.

The following comrades were elected to office in Springfield Chapter at its last meeting:

Commander, ROY N. COONS; Sr. V. Comm., DENNIS J. BRUNTON; Jr. V. Comm., WILLIAM G. GREER; Secretary, ROSWELL F. PATCH; Treasurer, BENJAMIN E. JOHNSON; Sgt.-at-Arms, ELI SQUIRES; Judge Advocate, EDWARD C. MALEY; Historian, THOS. F. CROKAN; Chap. THOS. J. MCELHONE; Trustees, THOS. A. D[illegible], Dr. F. W. LARROW, MATTHEWS MORAN.

Our joint installation of officers were held at the Hotel Charles, Saturday, April 13th. Just as I predicted in my last article, this was the biggest and best installation party that has ever been held by the local chapter. We started with a banquet that got underway about 6:45 P.M. The tables were beautifully decorated by the members of our auxiliary and the color scheme was red, white and blue. We had community singing during the banquet which helped to get everybody in the spirit for an evening of pleasure.

After the entertainment, Toastmaster BRUNTON turned the meeting over to Mrs. Irene Maley, who proceeded to install the officers for the auxiliary.

After the ladies were properly installed, our State Commander AUSTIN F. APPLEBY, took over the meeting for the purpose of installing the officers of the Chapter. This was a very impressive ceremony well conducted by our State Department Commander and his Sergeant-at-Arms, JAMES SULLIVAN. I am sorry to say that the absence of our National Officers was very conspicuous, and we felt sorry none of them could attend our installation.

We were honored by several distinguished guests headed with His Honor Roger L. Putnam of Springfield; Colonel John J. Higgins, of the Springfield Law Department; Mrs. Catherine Page, President of Post 207, American Legion Auxiliary; John E. Blake, Commander Post 207, American Legion; Rudolf Mangold, Commander of Springfield Chapter of the German War Veterans. We also had representatives from the

local chapters of — Spanish War Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Jewish War Veterans, Canadian Legion, British War Veterans, Forty and Eight, American Legion Posts and Auxiliaries.

I am not going to attempt to give individual credit to the members of the committee for the exceptionally fine job that they did in putting over this installation. As you know, the men's committee was headed by Comrade Ed. Maley and the ladies' committee by Mrs. Irene Coons. However, I would like to give special mention to the fine job our only associate member, Bob Phelps, did on publicity of this event.

The following members turned out as Honorary Bearers for the funeral of William Cote held in West Springfield, Friday, April 19th: Comrades Coons, Dee, Brunton, Maley and Patch.

We also had a good sized delegation at the dedication of the Deady Memorial Bridge in Chicopee Falls on Saturday, April 20th. Owing to the fact that it rained the drum corps was unable to turn out for this affair.

I just want to say in closing that we are out to get a hundred members in the club by convention time and hope that all the members will assist in this drive.

The regular meetings of the chapter will be held at the Hotel Charles, Friday, May 3rd and Friday, May 24th. There will be a program of entertainment at both of these meetings.

— Roswell F. Patch, Secretary.

SPRINGFIELD YD AUXILIARY

A very interesting and well attended meeting was held Monday, April 15th, at the home of our President Mrs. Chapman.

The following committee appointments for year were announced:

Membership, Mrs. Crokan; Sick, Mrs. Dee; Flowers, Mrs. Maley; Hospital, Mrs. Johnson; Publicity, Mrs. Coons.

A very lovely luncheon was served by our hostess and we do enjoy eating.

It was a pleasure to have Mrs. Appleby, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Wightman and all the other ladies from Haverhill and Worcester present at our installation and we sincerely hope that they all enjoyed themselves. And we will all meet again at the convention.

— Irene Coons.

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Dep't. Commander: Laurence H. Cook, 62 Malden St., Cranston, R. I.
Dep't. Secretary: Howard W. Hunt, 51 Star St., Pawtucket, R. I.

Herewith is my report as Dept. Commander of Rhode Island. One of the most pleasant years of my life is drawing to a close. When the honor was bestowed upon me last June to head the Department of Rhode Island, I pledged to do all I possibly could to uphold the good work that has gone before me. Although I will admit that there is still a lot of work to be done in Rhode Island, I don't feel that I have in any way been a failure. We have organized regular Department meetings that, in my opinion, are second to none. Our Department has led the entire organization in percentage of gain in membership and all three Chapters are in fine shape. I want to thank all of the Dept. Officers and members who have given me so much help and co-operation. Also, it has been a pleasure to have been able to represent Rhode Island on a few occasions when I traveled out of the State with our National Commander.

— L. H. Cook.

APREMONT CHAPTER
Pawtucket and Surrounding Area

Commander: Randolph Darling
124 Walcott St., Pawtucket, R. I.
Secretary: Ralph W. Dexter
43 Thornley St., Pawtucket, R. I.

On April 6th, Saturday night, 150 persons attended the second annual banquet of Apremont Chapter, at the Pawtucket Golf Club. Commander John F. Rancourt was toastmaster, and the principal speaker was National Commander Jerry O'Leary. Harold J. Smith, National Judge Advocate, urged the YD men to live up to the heroic feats of the division in France, and told the Pawtucket veterans that the action at Apremont was among the most courageous and decisive of the World War. Those at the head table were: Howard Hunt, National Assistant Secretary; Commander Rancourt; Commander O'Leary; Laurence H.

Cook, Department Commander; Mrs. Cook; Judge Advocate Smith; Past Commander John R. Moran, chairman of the banquet committee, and Mrs. Moran.

On Friday night, April 12th, Rand Darling was inducted as Commander of Apremont Chapter, at exercises held in the chapter headquarters, Main Street, Pawtucket. He succeeds John I. Rancourt. Officers were installed by Department Commander Laurence H. Cook, assisted by Walter Vickery, Dept. Sergeant-at-Arms. Others installed were as follows: Sr.V.C., Pete Bourget; Jr.V.C., Al. Shabbott; Chaplain, Charlie Hayman; Treasurer, Al. Plant; Sgt.-at-Arms, Joseph N. Frechette; Trustee for 18 months, William W. Dooley; Historian, Herb Murray, and Secretary, Ralph Dexter.

Nat. Commander Jerry O'Leary was present and spoke on YD affairs. Earl Whitaker, President of the Pawtucket Veterans' Council, extended an invitation to the chapter to join the council. Department Commander Cook thanked chapter members for their support and announced a Seicheprey Day to be held Friday night, April 19, at Elks Auditorium, Providence. Arrangements for the annual convention in Boston were discussed by Commander Austin F. Appleby of the Department of Mass. and Nat. Assist. Secretary Howard Hunt, co-chairman of the convention. Greetings from the Department of Conn. were brought by Department Commander Gardiner Hall. Delegations were present from Kent County and Providence Chapters, YDVA. The installation exercises were in charge of a committee consisting of John R. Moran, chairman; William Garlick and Herbert W. Grylls. Refreshments were served by the house committee.

On April 19th a delegation of Wets, I mean Vets, attended the Anniversary of Seicheprey Party in the Elks Auditorium, Providence. Rand Darling, "Dinky" Dan, Frank Keough, Al Plant, Joe Gagner, Walter Jenks, George Milligan, George Fortin and many others who spent a good night reminiscing. Milligan came in for some joshing about a certain station call, some day we will find out what it is all about.

After this month, it looks like we will be meeting elsewhere, because the Chamber of Commerce officials have notified us to find another meeting place. So watch the local papers for news of our new home.

— Albert Plant.

KENT COUNTY CHAPTER

Commander: William Monti
Arnold Neck, West Warwick, R. I.
Secretary: Yvon Archambault
145 Washington St., West Warwick, R. I.

The April meeting was held in Redmen's Hall, April 24th. We had the best attendance of members since the chapter was organized. Thirty-eight out of forty-three were present. It is great to have all of the men showing such interest. The following officers were elected to serve Kent County chapter for the coming year —

Commander, William E. Bergin; S.V.Com., Jesse C. Edwards; J.V.Com., Peter Castanza; Chaplain, Frank Bergin; Secretary, Alfred Heaton; Treasurer, William Monti; Historian, William Geddes; Trustees, Joseph Marcotte, Yvon Archambault, James Dyson.

State Commander Cook was present and gave an inspiring talk about the coming clambake and the Boston convention.

Jesse Edwards was welcomed back home from the Newington Hospital. He looks very well and certainly puts life into a meeting. He wishes to express his thanks to the members of the Hartford YD who visited him and also for the lovely bouquet they sent.

The installation of the above named officers will take place on Sunday afternoon, May 12th, at the Odd Fellows' Hall in Crompton at 2.00 P.M. We wish to extend an invitation to all members of all chapters to attend. The Installation will be conducted by State Commander Cook and Nat. Secretary Hunt.

— J. C. Edwards.

PROVIDENCE

Commander: Henry W. McCarthy
12 George St., Providence, R. I.
Secretary: Howard W. Hunt
51 Star St., Pawtucket, R. I.

Due to the fact that your Secretary has been ill for the past week, and still isn't up and coming, the account of Providence Chapter's last meeting will be short and to the point.

Reports of committees were rendered and all were accepted as progress. The main business of the evening was the submission of a slate of Officers for the coming year. The following nominations were made and will lay on the table until the May meeting when the election will take place:

Commander, John J. Kelley; Sr.V.Com., Raymond E. Taylor; Jr.V.Com., Joseph J. Laffey; Chaplain, Robert Murray; Secretary,

HARRY W. HANSON; Treasurer, WALTER B. VICKERY; Judge Advocate, EDWIN M. MARA; Sgt.-at-Arms, CLIFTON L. HIGGINS; Surgeon, Dr. ROBT. H. BRESLIN; Historian, JAMES J. GIRVAN; Trustees, HENRY A. GREENE, MICHAEL CRESCENZO, JOSEPH GREGOIRE.

The members will please take note of the fact that it has become necessary to change the meeting night for next month. The May meeting will be held at the Harrison St. Armory on THURSDAY evening, May 16th.

YDVA grave markers are to be purchased so that we will have some on hand when needed.

Providence Chapter expects to have the YD Drum and Bugle Corps at the head of its delegation in the convention in parade.

Meetings are still being poorly attended. For just what reason no one seems to know. There probably are several and they should be looked into and corrected before next fall. I hope the new officers will delve into this matter thoroughly and that they will make some constructive suggestions as to how it can be overcome.

This probably will be the last article that ye scribe will put in our magazine as Secretary of Providence Chapter. I have always done my best to give Providence Chapter the news as it happens. Many times I have written things when it should have been some one else's job, but rather than see nothing I stepped in. Hope that it has been appreciated. Some remarks I hear rather put me in doubt. — H. W. HUNT.

Second Annual Smoker and Seicheprey Day Celebration

The second annual smoker and Seicheprey Day celebration was held Friday evening, April 19th, at Elks' Auditorium. This affair sponsored by Providence chapter attracted over 400 YD men and their friends.

Due to the length of the program it was necessary to start the show at promptly 8:00 P. M. Happy Stanley and his orchestra started the program which was followed by one of the best entertainments this writer has seen in a long time.

At 11 o'clock the annual Seicheprey memorial service was held. Chaplain LAFFEY called for a minute of silence. After the prayer taps was sounded. The service was short but very impressive.

After the show someone announced "Come and Get It", and boy was there the old army rush. The boys must of been hungry, plenty beans, hot dogs, salmon salad, egg salad, ham, potato chips, pickles, rolls and coffee.

Every member of the committee and the members of the local Elks who donated their services are to be complimented on putting over a great evening.

— ROBERT M. MURRAY,
Secretary, Smoker Committee.

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Dep't. Commander: Gardiner H. Hall, 121 South St., Willimantic, Ct.
Dep't. Secretary: Clyde G. Beckwith, 12 Trotter St., Manchester, Ct.

Conn. Department Commander's Report

This report covers 12 weeks of activity and is as follows — Number of chapter visits 10, State meetings 4, outside Conn 2, Committee meetings 6, Banquets 6, Installations 5, Hospital visits 2, Show at Newington 1, total number of trips 36. Total miles covered 4000, average per week 333, gas used 400 gals., oil used 12 qts., postage $5.00, spending money $72.00. Total cost for 12 weeks (not including repairs to car and tires for same) $152.00.

Membership in this Department has held its own. At the close of our fiscal year we were ahead of last year by a scant dozen, but no ground was lost. The reason for not making a better showing is because too few of our loyal YD men were willing to put the time in and help build this up to 1200 where it should have been.

Activities have been numerous among our Chapters. All have had a busy year in their local communities. New Haven has been outstanding with many local parties and have recently purchased their own home. Stamford has been a standout with many fine Chapter meetings and gains in membership and the credit goes to the new Commander LAWRENCE LINDGREN. At the present time we have over 400 re-ups and expect to hit the 1000 mark by Convention time. All Chapters have done a fine job this year. Progress has been slow at times but nevertheless satisfactory. Too much praise can not be given my Department officers. All have been very loyal and hard workers. How-

ever Sr. Vice Commander ALLEN, Secretary CLYDE BECKWITH, Sgt.-at-Arms PIMPARE and Amer. Officer GEER have been the tops. All have been very free with their time in making various visitations to Chapters. Attending functions and all in all doing everything that their office required. It is pleasing to your Commander to have such a grand lot of Officers working so well and your efforts were very much appreciated. Valuable assistance to this Department has been given by P.N.C. ED MILLER, HARRY ROBINSON, LEN MALONEY, and many others and their sound advice has been always been appreciated. Through these columns I urge all Chapter Commanders to at once make a drive to have their Chapters well represented at our Nat. Convention. Conn. is going to march in that Parade with 1500 or more with your help. Let's go.

— G. H. HALL, Dept. Comm.

BRIDGEPORT

Commander: John T. Elliano
360 Union Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.
Secretary: James Morrell
R.F.D. No. 3, Bridgeport, Conn.

Row-de-dow. Here is the list of our newly lected officers: Commander, JOHN T. ELLIANO; Sr. V. Comm., CHARLES COCKERTON; Jr. V. Comm., JOHN P. FRAY; Treasurer, JOSEPH WINKOOP; Chaplain, ERNEST MAY; Historian, WILLIAM MCELROY; Sgt.-at-Arms, J. FRANCIS CLARK; Secretary, JAMES MORRELL; Trustees, Capt. C. W. GEER, Dr. CHAS. H. SPRAGUE and JOHN SCHULTZ.

Our gang called upon SAM MARCUS at Noroton when they were at the recent State meeting in Norwalk and SAM is coming along fine.

Among our new members are J. FRANCIS CLARK, Co. K, 102nd Inf.; LAWRENCE J. MCGRATH, Co. M, 102nd Inf.; and RICHARD JOHNSON, Co. D, 102nd Inf.

Among those attending the Seicheprey Day dinner at Norwalk on April 27th will be the Geers, Wynkoops, Morrells, Cockertons, Norups, Ellianos, Clarks, Spragues, Standens, Mays and Barlows.

Boy — that was a grand story of LEN MALONEY's in the last issue of DOINGS about that man EDWARDS.

Better make that visit to the Fitch Home for Soldiers at Noroton soon as they expect to be moved to their fine new home at Rocky Hill by July.

— L. R. BARLOW.

HARTFORD

Commander: John J. Costello
49 Wyllys St., Hartford, Conn.
Secretary: Paul J. Caravatt
483 Hillside Ave., Hartford, Conn.

The April meeting was one of the best attended that this Chapter has seen in many months. I wonder if the door prize has anything to do with it. Well, if that's so we'll keep up this plan.

The following officers were nominated and elected: Commander, BENJAMIN A. BOURN; Sr. Vice Com., HERBERT NELSON; Jr. Vice Com., JOHN CARTER; Secretary, PAUL J. CARAVATT; Treasurer, HARRY T. ROBERTSON; Chaplain, JOHN CURTIN; Historian, JOHN J. GOSS; Sgt.-at-Arms, SAM VARLY; Judge Advocate, VINE R. PARMALEE; Trustees, HENRY A. BEEBE, and GEORGE H. HOEY.

The Chapter took its turn on visiting the Newington Hospital which was done every Wednesday night in teams of ten to a dozen. The impression that this has made and the pleasure and friendship the boys made will continue.

The installation of officers will take place on Monday evening, May 6th at the State Armory with PNC EDGAR F. MILLER, assisted by PSC RAYMOND KINCAID.

The Junior drum and bugle corps played at the contests of the Rau-Locke Post No. 8, American Legion's yearly event at the Foot Guard Hall on Thursday evening, April 11th, and received a very high rating. Miss Loella Swanson, our very efficient and beautiful leader received the highest rating for her leadership. Miss Swanson, only 13, has many good years ahead of her and the members of the YD are proud of you and all the children in the corps.

Before the contests the children were taken to the Hotel Bond where they played a few numbers on the dance floor to the guests present and then given a banquet by the chapter. They are all like their fathers of the YD for after their fill they did that splendid job that won the applause of every one present in the hall.

A military whist party was held Thursday evening, April 18th at the Gas Company Auditorium where more than 200 were present. These whist parties are for the benefit of the Junior drum corps and are conducted by several of the wives of the members and they have done a fine job this past year.

On Saturday, April 20th, we made plans to take our corps to the THOMAS F. DEADY dedication in Chicopee Falls, Mass., with many mem-

bers coming along. But throughout Friday night and Saturday the rain fell so heavy we decided that it would be too dangerous to take the children along, so a little more than a dozen members journeyed where they witnessed a great tribute to one of its members who was killed in action at Seicheprey. The members from this chapter are in deep gratitute to the committee for the hospitality given us while we were there.

During the month of May before Decoration Day this chapter will observe its memorial services at Soldiers Field. There will be publicity given in the newspapers and we hope that there will be a good attendance.

Our Treasurer, HARRY T. ROBERTSON, has told me that the letter sent out for dues has met with great results and our membership is coming in good numbers.

Let's get all dues in early so that when we go up to Boston there will be no question that Hartford is still second and a very much alive chapter.

At the present time there are a few YD fellows at Newington, STEVE ROMANO, JOHN CURTIN, Doc KEATING and a few more. Well, boys, we're hoping that you are on the mend and will be back with us soon with plenty of vim and vigor. — JOHN J. GOSS.

MERIDEN

Commander: Fiodi Tomasetti
Colony St., Meriden, Conn.
Secretary: Francis J. Higgins
22 Hinman St., Meriden, Conn.

On Saturday evening, April 13, the Meriden Chapter of the Y.D.V.A. held their installation of Officers in the G.A.R. Hall. To say that it went over in a big way would be putting it in a mild form. It was by far the largest gathering held by this Chapter since its inception. Visitors came from near and far to sit down to a real Turkey Dinner. Plenty of every thing was there for those who wished to partake of it. After the dinner we all settled back in our chairs and listened to some very interesting speeches which started by the Toastmaster introducing our Honorable Mayor Fran R. Danaher who surprised all of us by telling us that he as a young High School lad came out in the Boston Harbor on a tug boat to welcome home the local boys who were on the Agamemnon. He followed with other interesting notes about certain individuals who were present. Following him as a speaker was the local Chief of Police Michael B. Carroll, who by the way has a few former YD boys in his Department (including Yours Truly). Then we had a treat when Brigadier General James Hagerty was called on. He gave a good clear cut story of the new streamlined divisions as they are now called. Jim just arrived back from the South where he and his Staff had been in service for a time.

GARDINER HALL, the State Commander, then came to the front with a speech that electrified the assembled crowd, by telling them that even if we are fat and forty we are still able to get around and stand out for peace for this country. After we all drew a good deep breath the principal speaker of the evening was introduced by Fran Higgins who was acting in the capacity of Toastmaster. The speaker was none other than that grand old fellow Judge Henry T. King who was war-time Mayor of Meriden. He is just as funny now and has perhaps more pep that he had at the time he was Mayor. He had everyone at the speakers' table ducking with the gestures he was making and at one time it looked as though General Hagerty was in for a cauliflower ear. Never the less it was a great night and as the clock told us that it was time to evacuate the hall, certain groups claimed that they had held stronger positions than this one and would not retreat. Sunday morning some of them were still going over the top.

It certainly did seem good to see so many persons interested especially persons who did not serve in the YD but said that they wished that they had. Among some of the persons there, were: Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Welch from Willimantic, Conn. Emmett is one of those fellows who never forgets anything and when our new Commander FIODI TOMASETTI was in line for congratulations WELCH started telling all of the things that TOMASETTI had taken without permission and of the times he was star boarder at Lucy's house. Of course the Commander denied everything and said that he was only giving these things to the poor French. He failed to state what he received in return.

Well as this is my first attempt at being a correspondent for any organization I think that I have said enough. I know that you will cheerfully give us space in DOINGS as this is one of the few times that any news emanated from Meriden. But we expect to keep you informed this year of the happenings in the town and also let the rest of the outfits know that we still exist.

The Meriden Chapter of the Y.D.V.A. has had its election and installation of Officers for the coming year. Following is the list of Officers for the year:

Commander, FIODI TOMASETTI; 1st Vice Commander, WALTER KNOX; 2nd Vice Commander, CHARLES HARRIS, D.S.C.; Secretary, FRANCIS J. HIGGINS; Treasurer, Capt. JOHN R. FEEGEL, D.S.C.; Sgt.-at-Arms, HARRY ADAMS; Chaplain, EBEN DIKE; Historian, ARTHUR SERVICE; Trustees, WALTER BOARDMAN, STANLEY ROKAWSKI.

— FRANCIS J. HIGGINS,
Secretary.

MIDDLETOWN

Middlesex County, Conn
Commander: Joseph Petruzello
P. O. Box 115, Middletown, Ct.
Secretary: Joseph C. Kolinsky
P. O. Box 115, Middletown, Ct.

At a recent meeting of the Col. John H. Parker Chapter of Middletown, Conn., the following officers were elected to serve during the coming year:

Commander, JOSEPH PETRUZELLO; Sr. V. Comm., EDWARD MACDONALD; Jr. V. Comm., ARTHUR F. DICKINSON; Secretary and Treasurer, JOSEPH C. KOLINSKY; Trustees, JOSEPH DURANT, WILLIAM STARK, JOSEPH I. LAWTON.

We are holding a meeting in my Dugout on Monday and will have as our special guest, "Machine Gun" himself. My good wife is going to make up some slum and the boys will procure the rum. So you can see we will have a real good time. The Chapter is still going strong and this summer we expect to go into some out-of-door activities.

Recent caller here was "Pop" GEORGE CARUTHE, our former officer in old "C" Co., 102nd Inf., and every time we see George its like meeting with one's own family. We only hope that he will do away with that life's ambition to retire to his farm, and instead buy one here in Connecticut where we can see more of him.

— J. C. KOLINSKY.

NEW BRITAIN

Commander: John Suess
89 Kensington Ave., New Britain, Conn.
Secretary: Arthur Butcher
13 Audubon St., New Britain, Conn.

I have heard it said that the boys who do it are out doing it now. You know what I mean. Out to select a new set of Officers, that will try their hand for the term of one year. And why not? You who do not find time to come around, for your own sake, do it this year. Can't you find just twelve Tuesdays a year? So, altogether men, let's get behind these newly elected men and show them we are all with them.

Have you put yourself in line for that trip to Boston this coming June? Don't wait until the last day. I'm sure there are plenty of men about town who are only too glad to have their company. So get yourself out, and let's sound off. Some men folks are taking their wives, so get yourself het up brother and make it a foursome.

And so be it men, the ladies, they also want to get started. Let's not say too much about it, just let them get where they are going. They are organized in other cities, so why not in this little old town of ours. It's never too late, let them go, says I. And if ever we are in need of a dime, well, you can't say that the ladies won't get it.

I saw SELANDER on the street, so I take it for granted that he is over his sickness. The same goes for Wally.

And to you, don't forget the first Tuesday for our regular meeting, and the third Tuesday for our social. If for no other reason in the world, come around and have some liquid refreshment. And then, after a while, you may learn why we are raving for your attendance at your meetings. Shake a leg, big boy. Come on out. Once you get the hang of attending these meetings, I'm sure you will be there always. I'll try to let you know the next time if everything is OK. When you get the card for our next meeting, don't just throw it away, it's a date for me and you at the YD.

At our regular meeting held Tuesday evening, April 2nd, the nominating committee brought in the following slate of officers: Commander WALTER DUPLIN, Senior Vice ANTHONY PECHOUT, Junior Vice HERBERT BRANN, Treasurer, ARTHUR BUTCHER, Chaplain, HENRY OVERSTROM, and Sgt.-at-Arms MORRIS SOLOMON. As there was no other nominations the above were elected to serve the Chapter for the coming year. Commander SUESS appointed DEWEY SELANDER as Chairman of a committee for the Installation of Officers and the committee met and decided to have the Installation at the Armory on Saturday evening, May 4th. The Chapter now has a set of colors which will be dedicated at the time of the installation. We have 50 members paid up and several more will be in by May 4th. With all of last years members signed up and the new ones we have signed up already the Chapter should reach 100 members this year. All you members who are holding back get your dues in to the Secretary. You will be kept after until you do so come across now and save yourself a lot of trouble refusing the bunch that will be after you.

— ARTHUR BUTCHER.

NEW HAVEN

Commander: John T. Dillon
185 Upson Terrace, New Haven, Conn.
Secretary: Albert W. Smith
20 Arden Street, New Haven, Conn.

The dedication on May 7th of a memorial plaque in the State Armory, Goffe St., in honor of Col. JOHN HENRY "Machine Gun" PARKER, will mark the completion of the first of three projects undertaken by New Haven Chapter's Committee on Activities for 1939 and 1940. A memorial plaque in honor of Brigadier General JAMES A. HAGGERTY and a suitable marker at Yale Field to commemorate the organization there of certain units of the Yankee Division are the other projects underway.

National Commander JERRY O'LEARY will be the principal speaker at the dedicatory exercises which will be featured by a review in Col. PARKER's honor to be staged by the New Haven battalion of the present 102nd Infantry. Gen. HAGGERTY and Col. ERNEST L. NOVEY, present commander of the 102nd will also speak. Major JOSEPH P. HOULEY will be in charge of the review and Lieut. Anthony Teta's 102nd Infantry band together with the Junior Drum and Bugle Corps of YD Post of the American Legion will provide the music.

Following the dedication at the Armory a house-warming will be held at the new club house recently opened by New Haven Chapter. A cafeteria luncheon and refreshments will be served. Commander JOHN T. DILLON and Past Commander FRANK P. LEE, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, will be in charge of the house warming.

Plans for the observation of Seicheprey Day at the club house are underway.

FREDERICK V. HIRSCH, hard-working member of New Haven Chapter, was unanimously named Commander of the Chapter at our meeting on April 11th. He will be installed with suitable pomp and eclat on April 25th. Along with FRED the following were elected without opposition: Senior Vice Commander, CHARLES M. GARDNER; Junior Vice Commander, STEPHEN BOMBOLISKI; Secretary, ALBERT W. SMITH; Treasurer, JOSEPH F. SCHURK; Chaplain, JOHN SLATER; Historian, ALEXANDER FLYNN; Sergeant-at-Arms, RAY CHARBONEAU; Trustees, Past Commander JOHN T. DILLON and LEN MALONEY.

Past Commander FRANK LEE reported that his "1000 Club" had netted $102.50 for the chapter treasury last month. All bills are paid to date and great progress has been made in renovating our new quarters. Much credit is due to CARMEN "Mike" MIRANDA who not only did all the plumbing work gratis but who chiseled a couple of extra discounts out of the plumbing supply people.

BILLY MCKEON was reported as recovering from an operation at Newington veterans hospital. It was voted to ask the Treasury Department agent to show the film on counterfeiting at our meeting on May 23. WILBUR FISHER was assigned this job. The meeting on May 9th will be held in conjunction with Corcoran-Sandquist Post of the American Legion at Branford.

Plans for the dedication of the Parker memorial plaque are complete and invitations have gone forward to all State chapters. A housewarming at the clubhouse will follow the exercises.

— L. J. M.

NEW LONDON

Commander: Joseph F. Keeney,
67 Ocean Ave., New London, Conn.
Secretary: John M. O'Connor
455 Montauk Ave., New London, Conn.

New London Chapter elected the following officers for the coming year:

Commander, ALBERT E. ST. GERMAIN; Sr. Vice Com., ELBERT BARNES; Jr. Vice Com., JOSEPH WOOD; Chaplain, ERNEST MILLS; Treasurer, WILLIAM AIKENS; Secretary, JOHN M. O'CONNOR; Historian, ANDREW J. SATTI; Sgt.-at-Arms, ARTHUR WINSLOW; Trustees, JOSEPH F. KEENEY, HARRY HILL, F. G. KENNEDY.

New London chapter officers will be installed by Major LEONARD MALONEY, Past Nat. Commander.

Installation ceremonies were held at the Odd Fellows' Hall, Thursday, April 25th.

A large list of guests was present and entertainment and luncheon was enjoyed at VFW Hall after the installation exercises.

We observed Seicheprey Day with a radio program in the afternoon and dinner-dance in the evening. Major LEONARD MALONEY, P.N.C., gave a very impressive oration over WNLC at 2:45 in the afternoon. His speech was well received, and many complimentary remarks were made by the general public, as well as other veterans and his former buddies.

The New London Chapter officers and members greatly appreciate Len's efforts in aiding us to put the program over.

We held a successful and well attended banquet at the Green Haven Shores Inn, Pawcatuck,

recently. Wives and friends were guests and about eighty-five were in attendance.

ELBERT BARNES was toastmaster and introduced BILL ALLEN of Manchester, State Comm.-elect, who gave an interesting talk on YD activities, and an impressive description of the Battle of Seicheprey.

Other speakers were CLYDE BECKWITH, State Secretary, of Manchester; ED FRAZER, Past Commander of Manchester Chapter, Mr. Schaperow, Navy veteran, member of Legion of Valor, and Commander JOSEPH KEENEY and Commander-elect AL ST. GERMAINE of New London Chapter.

Dancing, movies and a delicious chicken dinner completed a general good time.

We will be seeing you all at the "Home Coming" in Boston in June.

— JOHN M. O'CONNOR,
Secretary.

STAMFORD

Commander: George Riickerel
Valley Road, Cos Cob, Conn.
Secretary: Vincent Callahan
110 Glenbrook Rd., Stamford, Conn.

The Stamford Chapter Installation was held Sunday afternoon, April 7th. It was a very fine YD affair. Dept. Commander GARDINER HALL and his Dept. Sgt.-at-Arms EUCLID PIMPAIRE did a snappy job installing. Commander GEORGE RIICKEREL started his second term in the office. The Auxiliary was installed by ladies of the Bridgeport auxiliary.

PNC. ED MILLER, Mayor Moore of the city, and the first selectman of the Town of Stamford gave very fine talks. (JERRY O'LEARY failed to appear.) HENRY WOODS, Commander of Norwalk Chapter; CLYDE BECKWITH, Commander of Epieds Chapter, Manchester; ROBERT BRYSON, Commander of Wallingford Chapter and CLARENCE GEER, Commander of Bridgeport Chapter were present. Refreshments, music and dancing followed. Master of ceremonies was BEN PITMAN of New York Chapter. BARNEY CLARK was present and gave a short talk also.

— C. G. B.

WATERBURY

"P.C. Vigneulles"
Commander: William J. Shanahan
89 Chipman St., Waterbury, Conn.
Secretary: Walter Bolan
96 Nottingham Ter., Waterbury, Conn.

We peruse the issue of YANKEE DOINGS with considerable enjoyment monthly but must admit it is an effort for me to get the local news to you each month on time. We have many doings in Waterbury all the time, but not being literally inclined, it's tough trying to chronicle events.

Among our new members this month are ERNEST THERRIEN of "H" Co., and TED TRUELOVE of "A" Co., 102nd Inf.

The Seicheprey Day Banquet committee has been meeting weekly at the homes of the committee members and plans are progressing smoothly. The boys also have a lot of fun reminiscing. The big event in Waterbury celebrating Seicheprey Day will be held at the Elton on April 20th and we hope to greet at the festive board many comrades from our own and other chapters.

"Had a pleasant chat with DANA LEAVENWORTH recently", says FRED ROWE. Also have seen Charlie Thompson, Walter Robison, Clarence Marcella, William Mulligan, George (Gimme) Bevins, Frank Green and Red Minogue. We sure would like to see some of these fellows at our meetings. Go after them boys and see if you can't get them to join us.

Had an official visit from Commander HALL and his Staff within the last month and felt that the meeting was worth while. Waterbury can't complain. Commander HALL surely has been on the "job" having made Waterbury twice within as many months. Heard that JERRY BRESNAHAN is up in Newington. Also that Maj. MALONEY has returned home. Hope he is now feeling 100%. That goes for PHIL SANBORN, too. We look forward to his "write-ups" each month.

I might as well leave home if I don't get the news to you on time this month. Know you will probably have a pretty full issue — but hope you will give us a little space.

Our annual Seicheprey Banquet was held Saturday, April 20th, and we feel very much gratified at the outcome. We not only had a most enjoyable time but it was mighty good to see some of the boys from far and wide and to exchange greetings.

Col. BILL SHANAHAN did a fine job as Toastmaster and the Committee put over an impressive prelude to the evening's program. After the guests had marched into the ballroom and HERMAN SCHAEFFER, General Chairman, had voiced a welcome, Col. SHANAHAN recited the purposes of the YDVA. Then the lights were dimmed, a moment of silence was observed for departed comrades and taps was sounded by a bugler.

The colors were brought into the room with everyone at salute. Rev. ROGER B. T. ANDERSON, Chaplain of P. C. Vigneulles Chapter, gave the invocation. During the dinner the orchestra played World War tunes.

Seated at the head table were Mayor Vincent A. Scully and Mrs. Scully, State YD Commander GARDINER HALL of Willimantic and Mrs. Hall, Col. JAMES QUINN of New Haven and Mrs. Quinn, Maj. THOMAS H. HORRIGAN and Mrs. Horrigan, Maj. JOSEPH F. HOULEY of New Haven and Mrs. Houley, Maj. CHARLES HART, Rev. ROGER B. T. ANDERSON, FRANK DOWNS, and Mrs. Frank Downs, President of the Women's Auxiliary, HERMAN SCHAEFFER, Chairman of the Banquet Committee and Mrs. Shaeffer, Past President of the Auxiliary.

We enjoyed very much the reminiscing of these men and got a great many laughs at the humorous incidents that they recalled. We felt very proud of every one of them.

Col. SHANAHAN mentioned the fact that the Women's Auxiliary has been organized since January 5th, 1923 and has never disbanded since that time. He praised the ladies highly for the work they are constantly doing. Mrs. Rose Downs welcomed the members of the various auxiliaries present.

After all the ceremonies, dances new and old were enjoyed and it was all over for another year. — WALTER L. BOLAN.

WILLIMANTIC
"Windham County Chapter"
Commander: Lawrence Lindgren
Secretary: Gardiner H. Hall

Installation being over with and the new Officers beginning to function the local gang expects its best year. Commander LINDGREN has started his year by digging out a few new members and expects all hands to do likewise. The Convention seems to be the main topic and we expect a fine showing to be made by the gang by the time June rolls around. George Moran, Jr., the talented son of George, senior, who used to play baseball for Danielson and who used to set the opposing batsmen on their ears with his knuckle ball has recently been taken over by the Boston Red Sox and is now doing his stuff for the Bean town team. Congratulations to the Junior and we wish you the best of luck. Again the gang will be out soon with their money making tickets and all hands are expected to dig in and put back in the tills the cash which has been going out the past few months.

A swell turnout at the Manchester State Meeting seemed like old times when every State Meeting was overrun with the Windham County crew. Hope all hands will again be on deck for Meriden next month. Re-ups at this writing stand at 35 and shortly we hope to have it back to 54 and then up, up, up to 65. A swell supper and meeting of the gang will be held in Danielson on May 7th and a class of recruits is expected to be obligated at that time. Might be well for all you men who are not already paid up for 1940 to get going and think about this feature at once. Our good friend and Comrade Dr. KEATING underwent an operation a short time ago and we hope that "gland" the Doc talks about will be in better running order before long. Best of luck "Doc" and we hope you will soon be back.

DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Dep't. Commander: Fred H. Flahavan, 1257 East 101st St., Cleveland, O.

CLEVELAND
"Ohio Chapter"

Commander: John B. McGloin
2157 Brown Rd., Lakewood, Ohio
Secretary: Fred H. Flahavan
1257 E. 101st St., Cleveland, Ohio

It is now 12:30 A. M. of the 25th and my wife and I have just returned home after leaving Johnnie and his wife. We were at the installation of officers of Marohm Post of the VFW. Two YD men are members there, ADAMS and LADE, LADE just finished his year as Commander and from every thing that I could hear he did the job in typical YD style (the best commander they ever had).

Guess that I mentioned before that many YD men hold offices in either VFW or the Legion, but I want to mention here that ERIC REICH was recently installed as Commander of Post 1863 of the VFW. You just can't keep these YD men down.

On the way home Mrs. Flahavan mentioned that this was the 25th and then I remembered that this was the dead line for the DOINGS, so here goes:

Executive meeting, Sunday, April 14th, Of-

ficers present, every one; Report of treasurer, March operating account, general account.

Discussion on Ohio Corporation by RALPH SHAW; discussion on uniforms; check for $10.00 sent to Dayton Hospital; junior baseball team activity, next year; Picnic No. 1, date and location to be announced later.

Trip to Boston; about 30 line up; going by train, Ohio chapter to stand part of R R expense, patrol wagon to go by train also.

Correspondence, letter from God Father LEN MALONEY. Meeting over at 4:45 P. M.

Regular meeting, Sunday, April 21st, Meeting called promptly at 3:00 P. M. by Commander MCGLOIN. 34 present including the National Commander. He hasn't paid dues in the Ohio Chapter yet. We now have 33 paid up for 1940. Watch us hit that hundred this year. This is the report of the Sr. Vice Com. on Membership.

Report of O'Kie on housing at Boston, Ohio Headquarters to be at the Minerva.

Voted to send the Red Cross $10.00. The same as we did last year.

O'CONNOR appointed Chairman of the Memorial Day committee.

Motion by CHURCH and SHAW that we subscribe for additional copies of DOINGS this coming year. These to be placed in Marine, Dayton, New Veterans Hospital and the Public Library. Carried.

Bank Night Drawing for $7.65 won by Comrade RIEHL. RIEHL says that his trip to Boston is now practically assured. I might explain how this contest is run. Each meeting every member hands in a dime. The total collected was $3.10 (two ran out on us and Jerry didn't have a dime) from the Bingo and the first night we operate after the meeting we take a like amount so now the next meeting the drawing will be for $6.20. Every paid up member has his name in on the drawing but he must be present to win. In case a name is drawn of a member who is not present the money goes over to the next meeting and collection for that meeting is added to it, plus the amount taken from Bingo. The Commander started it at the last meeting and it is going over very well.

We had a letter from ED MILLER about the Department of Conn. fund raising project so RIEHL took one of the cards and all of the men bought, so now we have the card ready to send in.

Of course the high spot of the meeting was the visit of the National Commander. JERRY was at his best and every one of the men enjoyed him. His talk was very much ordinary and to have some one tell us of the Boston Convention and of the many and interesting activities of the YD back in New England was indeed refreshing and enlightening. After the meeting we had eats and then we proceeded to separate JERRY from about four dollars in a very gentlemanly game of Bingo. He admitted he never saw nickles disappear so fast in his life. After Bingo O'Kie and his wife took him to see the Legion home and VFW home of Post 1863.

At seven the next morning JERRY and I left for Detroit stopping at Lorain, Ohio, and Sandusky Soldiers home to call on YD men. At Toledo we had lunch with GLEN MUIRR, HAL COOKE and others, leaving there at 3:30 and arriving in Detroit at 5:00 o'clock. We met up with the Detroit gang at 7:15 at the Veteran Building and stayed for their meeting. All in all it was a most successful trip and one that I am sure some good will come from in the establishing of the Toledo Chapter.

Our meeting adjourned at 4:30 after which we had a Chin's Supper prepared by the members at the headquarters. Movies were taken while the men were at the table. Guess that this just about covers everything, at least I must say that it is all that I can think of now as it is late and way past my bed time.

— FRED FLAHAVAN.

DENVER

"Rocky Mountain Chapter"
Commander: Albert W. Rockwell
1414 Marion St., Denver
Secretary: Arthur G. Vetter
1205 Logan St., Denver, Colo.

At our regular monthly meeting for April the annual election of officers was held. Despite the protests of both ROCKWELL and VETTER, these two were reelected as officers for the ensuing year, "Rocky" as Commander, VETTER as Secretary-Treasurer.

Up to date eight of the fellows have responded to the call for annual dues, with several more in the offing. It looks as if we might have the largest "enlistment" since the founding of the local post. At any rate, we mean to try.

A most welcome stranger at the meeting was Judge PRESTON, whom we have not seen for a long time. PAT PEDICINO after a long siege at Fitzsimons' Hospital looks fine. Pat says that he will try and be out with us soon. NORTON is in Detroit, a contestant at the A.A.U. bowling tournament. CHAPIN has become a member of the "old reliables". MURRAY, too, is a faithful

attendant. CARL JOHNSON, LOEB and CHANDLER, we see all too seldom. "Rocky" busy with his VFW duties, always finds time for the monthly YD meeting.

— VETTER.

DETROIT

Commander: John H. Guittaud
7407 Dunedin, Detroit, Mich.
Secretary: David Swartz
15,815 Linwood, Detroit, Mich.

Well, here it is folks, my swan song. After years of contributing news of the activities of the Detroit Chapter to the DOINGS I have finally reached the point where my pen shall cease to function. A far better man will perform the duties of publicity man and secretary and his pleasant, humorous, and capable efforts will acquaint the readers of the "Doings" with the events of the day in a very creditable manner. Not only am I glad we have so capable a man for the job but the Chapter as a whole is happy to secure CHARLIE SMITH who did not solicit the position but was willing to accept it as the wish of the membership and his willingness to do all in his power for the good of the "Old YD".

This was the result of the nomination and election of officers at our meeting and social held on March 30th at which time the Detroit Chapter was proud to elect as the new Commander, ELMER G. BRACKETT, a man well known in veterans circles as a capable executive and one who has the signal honor of being Commander of the Police Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Commander of Wayne County Council Order of the Purple Heart.

The Senior Vice-Commander is DAVE SWARTZ.

FRANCIS CLARK was re-elected to the office of Junior Vice-Commander which is something and once again proves how strong a YD man CLARK is, as his program for the year outside of veterans activities is a heavy one. His willingness to support his chapter speaks volumes.

The new Treasurer is one hundred per cent YD, PETE SADY, at whose home the affair of the evening was held and, following the meeting, the women joined the men in watching the four movie shorts so kindly presented by Comrade HIGGINS of the Aero Service. At the close of the show all gathered around the tables set with a supply of varied foods and hot and cold drinks.

SAM ZUSMAN was elected Chaplain and though doing considerable traveling in aiding "Milady" to look well in wearing good hats is going to perform the duties of the office which means a sacrifice as SAM will have to add to his mileage by covering his route twice in order to be present at meetings. Nothing too good for the YD.

The guardian of our portals, EMIL RAGNA, will perform as Sergeant-at-Arms. EMIL is always ready, able, and willing to do everything he can to make the YD a better outfit and when called upon is always found to be one hundred per cent dependable.

At this evening's meeting we were very glad to have with us the National Vice Commander of the United States, FRED and Mrs. FLAHAVAN, who traveled from Cleveland to Detroit, just to be with us. Both Fred and his Major General added to the pleasure of the occasion, Fred by his brief remarks on "Membership in the YD" and with his enlightening resumé of the Cleveland Chapter's past activities and Mrs. Flahavan by her charm and readiness to do all in her power to help the YD. The members of Detroit Chapter and their wives who were present were pleased at this opportunity to entertain as guests, our comrade and neighbors, and echoed the sentiment conveyed to us by the Cleveland Chapter's able emissaries that the latch-string is always open and it appears that a closer feeling and comradeship will result in exchanging visits with Ohio.

The Detroit Chapter was pleased to welcome Comrade HIGGINS and his staunch supporter, Mrs. Higgins, and Mr. and Mrs. Coville, friends of the veterans.

And now the song is over. The swan has gone to rest — glad to have been of service, and, if the need arises ready to do all possible to help the YD.

With many thanks to the helpful hands who steered my poor offerings over and around commas, periods, and corrections, and to all who had the courage to wade through my articles, I sign off with this, my last one as Secretary and foreign correspondent.

— DAVE SWARTZ.

NEW YORK

Commander: Harry H. Van Hala
45 Sutton Drive, Ho-Ho-Kus, N. J.
Secretary: C. Edward Wilson
271-285 Hawthorne St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

The New York Chapter held its regular monthly meeting in the New England Room of the Prince George Hotel, 14 East 28th St., New York City, on Tuesday, March 26th, with 51 members present, and two invited guests.

Commander HARRY VAN HALA called the meeting to order at 8:45 P. M. In the absence of our Chaplain, Father TEMPLE, the chaplain's prayer was read by Past Commander BEN PITMAN. Each one present was then called upon to rise, give name and organization he served in.

Chairman CLAUDE SEITZ of the membership committee is apparently beginning to get some real results, due to his own effort coupled with those of the members appointed to the committee, working with him. CLAUDE reported six new members and eight old members that had not paid since 1938 or prior. The N. Y. Chapter has set for its goal 300 members by convention time. "SO LET'S GO'!"

We were informed by our Welfare Chairman BART KILEY, that FRED WERRING is a patient at the Veterans Facility in Bath, N. Y. Also MILTON MAXIM is reported in Brooklyn Naval Hospital. Let's cheer these boys up by dropping them a line, as they well deserve it.

Past Commander ED NELSON, Chairman of the Convention Committee, reported that the outlook is very promising, and from all accounts Boston will have to widen the streets, and put on some extra M.P.'s to take care of the N. Y. crowd. Arrangements have been made to have with us the 106th Infantry Sons American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps. A liquor drawing is under way by the chapter, the proceeds of which will be used to help defray the cost of the Drum and Bugle Corps. In this connection each member will be expected to do his bit.

It will be of interest to the members of the Y.D.V.A. to know that the duplicate of the memorial tablet to General CLARENCE R. EDWARDS at Fordham University will be on exhibit for the next six weeks at the National Academy of Artists Display in New York City.

A special open meeting is to be held Thursday evening, April 11th, at the American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West & 79th St. Immediately after the dinner, guides will be assigned to take us through the museum and explain the various exhibits. A visit to the Hayden Planetarium may be included for those interested.

The first meeting conducted by the new Commander HARRY VAN HALA was pleasing to all those present. The regular business of the meeting was taken up in order and disposed of in a satisfactory manner.

The Chairman of the Entertainment Committee WHIT WASHBURN, JR. reported that the First Vice-Commander ELWIN COONEY has a BIG SURPRISE in entertainment for you at the next meeting. Don't miss it.

At this meeting we were glad to see many new faces that had been missing for quite some time, but missed quite a few of the regulars.

We were pleased to note that 15 members attended the dinner preceding the meeting, and hope next time we at least double the number, as this is an excellent place to get better acquainted with one another, as every one starts to fight the war all over again, according to his own experience.

The meeting was brought to a close at 10:30 P. M. and turned over to the Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, who then called on yours truly to bring out his surprise of the evening.

At this stage Young Mundy, former world's middleweight champion wrestler, was introduced with his opponent Eddie Murphy of the Geo. J. Ran-Arthur F. Locke Post, American Legion, Hartford, Conn. Kid Egan, lightweight boxer of the A.E.F., was referee. They battled, grunted and groaned for fifteen minutes to a draw, to the laughter and applause of every one. The mats used for the bout were furnished by Dr. SURLS.

Those not present at the meeting really missed something. So turn out boys, hope to see you at the next meeting.

The regular meeting of the New York Chapter was held on Tuesday evening, April 23rd, in the New England Room of the Prince George Hotel, 14 East 28th St., N. Y. City with 70 members present and invited guests.

The Meeting was called to order by Commander VAN HALA at 8:15 P. M. The usual opening exercises were held. Due to the absence of our Chaplain Father TEMPLE, the Chaplain's prayer was read by HARRY BURT.

Through the courtesy of Police Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine, Supt. Gerald S. Morris in charge of the Telegraph Bureau of the N. Y. C. Police Dept., assisted by Acting Capt. ELWIN J. COONEY (our 1st Vice-Com.), Police Officers Daniel Welch, Herbert Bennett and Fred Parkinson all of the Bureau of Telegraph combined to give us a very pleasant evening.

We then were shown pictures of the marine and aerial division of the police dept., and told just how the radio contacts are made with them, and how all the various units, the Patrolman, the radio cars, the marine div. and air units could be contacted and mobilized in a very short space of time. Mr. Morris stated that some 537 miles

of waterfront, and 6,000 miles of city streets in N. Y. C. are policed by the patrolmen, radio cars, and marine division.

Supt. Morris talked for about two hours and every minute was interesting and highly instructive. He concluded his talk with a demonstration of the radio patrol system. An Official car with two-way communication was outside, and Capt. COONEY, Commander VAN HALA, and WHIT WASHBURN, JR, went out and drove around and talked to the members of the chapter in the hotel, as a short wave transmitter and receiver had been installed there for that purpose. This gave us an exact picture of how the system functions. This lasted for 15 or 20 minutes and with the ending of the demonstration Supt. Morris was given a rising vote of thanks for his very interesting talk and demonstration. During the course of his talk at various points, he paused for questions from the members and some very interesting side lights were explained by him from that angle.

When Supt. Morris concluded, the business of the meeting was taken up by Commander VAN HALA. Reports from various committees were heard. As it is nearing Convention time, the big question was the Boston Convention. There was considerable discussion as to preparation of the N. Y. Chapter for the BIG DOINGS and everything points for a big time for the New Yorkers at Boston. We are bending every effort to have the largest turnout we have had at any convention.

Our visitors included distinguished guests such as, Major PECK of Norwalk Chapter, Sec'y. DAVID B. HERMAN of Philadelphia Chapter, William V. Dey, Past Commander New York Life Ins. Post, American Legion, Patrolman Thomas Gray, Rainbow Division, Patrick Coffey, Past Commander New York County Veterans Foreign Wars, and Edwin Horsley, Chairman 106th Inf. Drum and Bugle Corps, Sons American Legion.

At our next meeting Tuesday, May 28th we plan to have special entertainment. A very interesting motion picture with sound showing the operation of the U. S. Coast Guard will be held.

— C. EDWARD WILSON,

LOS ANGELES

"Southern California Chapter"
Commander: Warren S. Jaques
5625 Ensign Ave., No. Hollywood, Calif.
Secretary: George K. Mitchell
824 Cresthaven Drive, Los Angeles, Calif.

The annual election of the YD Club of Southern California was held on April 3rd and the results of the balloting were as follows:

Commander, HARRY MCLAUGHLIN; First Vice Commander, VOLNEY GILSON; Second Vice Commander, CHARLES G. OLSEN; Adjutant, G. K. MITCHELL; Treasurer, EDWARD ROYAL; Chaplain, JOSEPH J. MCCARTHY; Sergeant-at-Arms, A. N. AMERIKHANIAN; Historian, Dr. M. A. WELBOURN; Trustees, JOHN J. FOX, LEWIS A. NYE, ARCHIE J. BRADLEY; Executive Committee, GEORGE D. CANNON, JOHN D. HARDY, WILLIAM STEVENSON, W. F. COLLINS, WARREN S. JAQUES.

Immediately following the election a joint Installation ceremony was held with the newly-elected officers of the YD Auxiliary and Club being inducted into office by Past Commander ARCHIE J. BRADLEY according to the ritual of the YDVA.

Short speeches were made by the new President of the Auxiliary, Mrs. George D. Cannon, who pledged the continued support of the ladies in all activities of the Club and the retiring Commander WARREN S. JAQUES, who expressed his thanks for all help received during his term of office.

In HARRY MCLAUGHLIN the Clubs gets the service of a capable leader who has been constant in attendance since the first meeting over eight years ago. During the past year as First Vice Commander he conducted several meetings showing fine executive ability. He served with G Co., 102nd Infantry, and hails from Ansonia, Conn.

Past Commander JAQUES wishes to express his thanks through these columns to the Lynn Chapter for sending him a copy of the "Barrage" each month. He has enjoyed this newsy little magazine and brought them to the meetings for others to have the same pleasure.

Members of the 104th Infantry regiment living in California will this year meet at the home of ARCHIE J. BRADLEY in Arcadia to celebrate Apremont Day. These annual get-togethers are looked forward to for weeks in advance and good fellowship is always the keynote.

WASHINGTON

Commander: Joseph Jordan, Jr.
1750 Harvard St., Washington, D. C.
Secretary: Raymond J. Queenin
4619 Warren St., NW, Washington, D. C.

The YD Club of Washington held its Annual Banquet and Installation of Officers in the Admiral Club, 17th and Rhode Island Ave., N.W., Tuesday evening, April 2nd. Festivities opened

in the cocktail room at 6:30. The punch bowl was properly loaded with a cocktail prepared by Mrs. Gene Burr and known as the "YD Punch" (and you know what a wallop that has) which helped the gathering Yanks and their friends get properly organized. Many reunions of friends who hadn't seen each other for a long time were witnessed. Mrs. Edith Nourse Rogers, Representative from Massachusetts in Congress, was prevented by a previous engagement from having dinner with us, but she very graciously made a visit during the Cocktail Hour and met the folks. Her secretary, KARL STANDISH, who is a member of the Club, was with us. The total attendance was about seventy. National Commander JERRY O'LEARY of Providence installed the new officers with a brief but very impressive ceremony, during which it was discovered that there is considerable difference of opinion concerning the proper execution of such intricate military maneuvers as "column right", "left face", etc. In fact, none of the boys had their boy scout compasses handy so they were in quite a quandary (whatever that is).

Because PAUL and Goldie HUTCHINS were called out of town by the sudden death of Goldie's mother just before the banquet, your correspondent was called on to bat for PAUL as Master of Ceremonies — and whether anyone else enjoyed it or not, I got a big kick out of it. — In fact I thought I was going to get kicked out entirely. The high light of the evening was a speech by the outgoing Commander, JOE JORDAN, in which he endeavored to give a few words of encouragement (and warning) to his successor, DAVE DODIC. Speeches were, for the most part, taboo but we had to make a few exceptions so JERRY O'LEARY could give us a pep talk on membership and the Boston Convention, and LARRY CONNERY could tell us how hard he is working on the Hill. Incidentally, while every Senator and Representative from New England, and a couple from other States who are members of the YD, were asked to come to this annual affair, our own LARRY CONNERY and Mrs. Rogers were the only ones who showed up. Maybe the YD doesn't mean much to them — in Washington.

A very good dinner was served and during the lulls the old war songs and some new ones were rendered in a manner more lusty than musical to the accompaniment on the piano of a lady who sure knew her way around the keyboard.

By popular demand the old skit "The Road to Verdun", originated many years ago by BILLY CONNERY, was put on by GENE BURR and yours truly. The Artillery men and the Infantrymen sang their respective songs, but when the Engineers were offered an opportunity to contribute to the vocal amazement of the assemblage, JOHN CASWELL, their spokesman (and our chaplain) declined on the ground that their songs were not suitable for mixed company. Some one made the remark that the same applied to most Engineers.

We had hoped to have as our guest, Mrs. George S. Simonds, who is now a resident of Washington, but we learned with regret that Mrs. Simonds was in Walter Reed Hospital. Capt. Charles Gailey, former aide to the late Major General George S. Simonds, was present.

BILL SHARPLES, chairman of our own "On to Boston" committee, and the organizer of the "Hartford Wheelbarrow Brigade" gave the boys a pep talk on getting their registrations in early. The dinner was over about 9:30 and the room was cleared for dancing. Some of the boys still have a lot of "up and at 'em" left but the number who prefer to sit them out is growing. Twenty years is a long time.

A hurry call was sent out for more throat remedy to treat some of the parched tonsils and the party got under way in a big way. About 11 P. M. some of the "panty waists" began leaving for home but a good crowd of us stayed for the final gun and then went to the Aragon Cafe owned by JIM KEEHAN and started all over again. Assisted by an excellent pianist there was more singing, more eating — and more tonsil treatment. It was a big night, anyway you look at it. JOE JORDAN was all crippled up. He had a fall, banged his head on the floor, knocked himself out and let his bare foot (it was in the bathroom) rest on a hot radiator until he came to. So Joe had been laid up a week or so before the dinner. There's no use going into the various theories of how it all happened but everyone agrees it was the best hot-foot in years.

Wednesday morning JERRY O'LEARY and I visited Mrs. Simonds at the hospital, then we had lunch with NATE GOLDEN at the Commerce Department, and JERRY left for home at 1 P. M.

AL BARTRAM, GENE BURR and PAUL HUTCHINS worked very hard to make this banquet a success and they have the satisfaction of knowing their work was well done.

— RAY QUEENIN.

102ND FIELD ARTILLERY

On the night of April 11, 1940, at 8 o'clock, members of Battery B, 102nd F. A. Veterans Association met in the rooms of Spanish War Veterans. After a short business session the boys proceeded to make a night of it. A very enjoyable evening was spent with plenty of entertainment, lunch, *other refreshments*, etc.

Ed Racicot was in charge of refreshments, assisted by Earl Saunders and I will say they did a swell job of it. Matt Leary and Frank McGrath handled the entertainment and they put on a great show. Each member was taxed a quarter as he came in and this money was given as an attendance prize. It was won by John (Mac) McCarthy.

For the information of all former members of the 102nd F. A., Battery B Vets have a very active organization, taking part in all veteran affairs. We are well represented in the Worcester Chapter Y.D.V.A., with some members holding office each year.

We hold a number of meetings each year and have an outing every summer for the members, their wives, children and friends. As Armistice Day draws near we have a banquet, generally on the Saturday evening nearest that day. I might add that former members of the regiment are always welcome at all of our affairs.

If there is anyone who would like to renew acquaintance with former friends in B Battery, I would be only too glad to furnish them with the address or addresses they desire to obtain.

I have been informed that during the Y.D. V.A. convention to be held in Boston in June, the trustees of the 102nd F.A.V.A. will establish headquarters in some hotel there. B Battery Vets will also have a room in the same hotel where they will be able to meet former friends.

For any information concerning this organization, communicate with Bernard C. Gould, Secretary, 61 Paine Street, Worcester, Mass.

103RD MACHINE GUN B'N.

103rd Machine Gun, Company C, Veterans Association held their annual installation of officers for the ensuing year. Commander Fred Grandchamp, Senior Vice Warran Aldrich, Jr.. Vice Robert Eley, Chaplain Clifford Higgins, Adjutant James F. Thomas, Trustees, Comrades Woods, Moody, Thompson and Arnold. Still going on.

Henry Holquist, the big Swede from the first squad, is in the U. S. Veterans Hospital No. 81, at 83 Kingsbridge Rd., Bronx, N. Y. Any Co. C man should send Hank a card or a letter to cheer him up.

We also laid at rest our former Sgt. James Moran, who passed away very suddenly in February, 1940.

Hope some of Co. C boys in Vermont and other places drop us a line and hope to see them at the convention at Boston this year.

— Adjutant JAS. F. THOMAS.

FLICKERS FROM THE 104TH

The 104th Ambulance Co., Veterans Association held their Annual Reunion on Saturday evening, April 13th, at the U.T.A. Armory in Providence, R. I. About 50 members sat down to a delicious turkey dinner with all the fixings. Members came from far and near to be on hand.

At the conclusion of the dinner, the Memorial Service, a traditional feature of each reunion, and more impressive and solemn each year, was carried out. As the years roll by they seem to find one or two, and sometimes more, comrades names added to the already too fast growing list of departed ones. As in years past, Mr. Cross sang beautifully the song, "There is No Death", followed by the blowing of taps.

At the business meeting the following chair Officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, William C. Marshall; 1st V. Pres., Daniel Clifford; 2nd V. Pres., C. Edward Wilson;

Chaplain, Robert Eisman; Secretary, Albert H. Mitchell; Treasurer, Gilbert Wilson.

A committee was appointed to seek something in the way of a hospital bed, oxygen tent, wheel-chair, etc., and to devise ways and means of providing for the article selected, as a memorial to be presented to a hospital or institution in the name of the 104th Ambulance Co., Veterans Association. This committee will make a definite report at the reunion next year.

— H. W. Hunt.

104th REUNION, WORCESTER, MASS. APRIL 26-27, 1940

The Annual Reunion of the 104th Infantry was held at Worcester, Mass., on Friday, April 26th and Saturday, April 27th. Registration Headquarters was at the Bancroft Hotel and all day Friday, members were drifting in from all parts of the country. At 5:00 P.M. the Executive Committee met at the Legion rooms on Front Street. The greetings of the city was given by Mayor Bennett who said the sky was the limit and turned the city over to the reunion. The Committee recommended the following slate of officers to the body for the Saturday meeting. Honorary Commander, B. Frank Cheatham; Commander, Harold F. Barry (A Co.); Senior Vice Commander, Eugene Hamilton (MG Co.); Junior Vice Commander, William McGarry (D Co.); Treasurer, Edmund Slate (Sup. Co.); Chaplain, Alexander C. Bennett (C Co.). The Committee had bids from Fitchburg, Chicopee and Northampton for the next reunion. The Committee voted to recommend Fitchburg to the body. At the meeting Saturday morning it was voted to go to Chicopee for next year's reunion.

All companies had banquets on Friday evening and were well attended. The Parade was one of the best ever held and those who stayed over for the show said it was one of the best they ever attended.

C COMPANY, 104th INFANTRY

The Company was represented by over one hundred. One of the best attended reunions the company has ever had. The following were at the Banquet: Geo. Elliott, Russ Harmon, Roland Cook, Herb. Buss, Harry and John Hopkins, Francis Stone, Fred Scheffer, Bill and Tom Mahoney, Jesse Lima, Geo. Haggerty, L. D. Jones, Len. Ryan, Dan Jones, and Jack Jones, Phil Wood, Geo. Thomson, Earle Brown, John Anderson, Harold Miller, Harold Nute, Joe Kanuskey, Ray Booth, Nelson Boliver, Fred Jordan, Jim Leigh, Al Ohrn, Mark Cosgrove, Fred Maloney, Ralph Kierstead, Louis Hendricks, Leon Haynes, Jud Fish, Hollenback, Frank Baron, Granfors, Fred Rawson, Geo. Blomquist, Geo. Keefe, Jim Northridge, Louis Cutting, Charles Robbins, Ray Cassavant, Al Bennett, Bill Gilliam, Guy Watts, Tom Monguso.

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Campbell, Sherman B. of Lebanon, N. H., a former member of Triangle Chapter, YDVA, who died at the Hanover Hospital suddenly on March 15th, was buried with full military honors, Tuesday afternoon in Lebanon. He was a P.C. of the Amer. Legion post in Lebanon; an Officer in the 40 and 8 and a member of the YDVA. Members of Triangle chapter, YDVA, the VFW and the Amer. Legion marched to the church and grave. Comrade Campbell was very much respected by the town people of Lebanon, N. H.

Manning, John H. 211 Bolton St., Marlboro, Mass., formerly of Co. K, 104th Infantry. Reported by members of Marlborough chapter.

McNamara, William J. 388 Park Ave., Worcester, Mass., formerly of Co. G, 101st Infantry. Reported by members of Marlborough chapter.

Haynes, Robert C. Co. B, 103rd Infantry on February 5th at Quincy, Ill. Report from *Foreign Service* magazine.

Foster, Alfred L. former Sgt. Co. C, 103rd Inf., died at the Morris Home. He lived in Haverhill for about 20 years and was a salesman for the Armour Co. Burial was in the Linwood cemetery. He was a member of the American Legion and the Christian Science Church.

PULLEN, CARROLL E. former member of Bat. A, 102nd F.A., died Tuesday, April 2nd. He had been in the postal service for more than 20 years. A large delegation of his former "Buddies" attended the service at the West Park Congregational Church. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

FOSSA, CARL, formerly of Bat. E, 101st F.A., died in California about April 1st. He has been in the Navy since the war and was due to retire in June of this year after 20 years' service.

CALDWELL, LEWIS G. formerly of Co. I, 104th Infantry, died April 8th, following a long illness at his home in West Concord. He was a florist for a number of years. Military funeral was held on Wednesday, April 10th and internment in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, Concord.

BROWN, ALBERT formerly of Co. G, 104th Infantry died at Salem, Mass. about April 1st. He was buried on April 4th.

ELWELL, HARRY N. Died at Togus U. S. Vets. Hosp., Togus, Me., April 25. He was buried at Hampton, N. H. He served with F Battery, 101st F.A. and was commissioned after going to school in France. A delegation from F Battery attended the funeral.

BARTEAUX, NORMAN W. formerly of the Ded. Det., of the 102nd F.A., died last summer after an illness of several years. Word sent in by WARREN S. JAGNES, Commander of S. California Chapter, YDVA. Have been unable to get further details.

CERAT, CYRILLE, age 65, died April 17th at the Hale Hospital. He lived at 1 Williams Ave., Haverhill, Mass. He served with Bat. A, 101st F.A. The funeral was held Saturday morning from St. Joseph's church. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery.

PAWSEY, SAMUEL, formerly of F Co., 101st Engineers died in the California Hospital, Los Angeles, Calif., on April 17th. A short report from JOHN LINDGREN another F Company member stated that he attended the services at The Little Church of the Flowers in Glendale and AL BRADSFORD another YD man was present.

FOSTER, WILLIAM, formerly of Co. I, 101st Infantry died April 11th. He was buried on April 14th.

CUNNIFF, MARTIN, 25 Banks St., Cambridge, Mass., formerly M.G. Co., 101st Infantry passed away on February 27th.

CHAPTER NEWS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

NORWALK

Commander: Henry E. Woods
154 Gregory Blvd., East Norwalk, Conn.
Secretary: William P. Adams
16 Harding Place, Danbury, Conn.

22nd Annual Seicheprey Dinner

From the Norwalk *Hour* of Apr. 29, 1940:

Preparedness was advocated as the best insurance for peace by Col. Alden A. Twachtman of Greenwich who addressed more than 450 at the Yankee Division dinner Saturday night at the Shorehaven Golf Club. He told his listeners to "get more excited about the United States and less excited about Europe."

The speaker urged his listeners to think clearly and judge the true facts of the latest European war, sifting the gold from the dross in the avalanche of propaganda issuing from all sides of the conflict.

"It is hard to remain neutral mentally," the speaker said, "but this is essentially Europe's problem; a war being waged by professional war makers. It is the age-old story of the Western hemisphere.

"The world is confusion but let the people of the United States be not confused as to their responsibilities and to think of only one "ism" and that Americanism. Let us prepare for peace with preparation so definite that we may meet emergencies if they arise. Let us be trained so that if need be our losses will be less. War is a business in which the United States has in the past been competing untrained against others with whom war is a profession."

The dinner commemorated the 22nd anniversary of the Battle of Seicheprey in the last World War which marked the first engagement of Norwalk enlisted men against the crack German storm troops.

Mayor Frank T. Stack of Norwalk and Mayor Charles Moore of Stamford both brought greetings.

Dept. Commander GARDINER HALL of Willimantic gave a brief address on the ex-service veterans' organizations. Col. LEONARD MALONEY of New Haven gave a vivid description of the Battle of Seicheprey.

Former National Commander of the Yankee Division Veterans' Association ALBERT HERMAN of Norwalk urged everyone eligible to join the American Legion and the Y.D.V.A.

Others who spoke briefly were Father Thomas O'Boyle, pastor of the 14th St. Chapel, New York; Maj. CHAS. M. SPRAGUE of Bridgeport; HENRY WOODS, Commander of Norwalk Chapter; JAMES MORRELL, Dist. Commander of the YD; "Daddy" MICHAEL O'BRIEN representing the Norwalk Chapter, DAV; A. T. Dawson, representing the William McKinley Camp, United Spanish War Vets.; JOHN D. MILNE, CHAS. H. DILWORTH, VICTOR KNAUTH and LUKE STAPLETON.

Dancing and a social time followed until an early hour Sunday.

DETROIT, MICH.

Remember back in '18, Heinies fast moving 77's that came over ZUT-BANG.

Well our Nat. Commander accompanied by the Nat. Vice Comm. paid us that kind of a visit, only FRED banged out a trifle ahead of JERRY.

Plans had been made for a dinner — With — but due to some kind of a mix-up in the correspondence, there was a question as to whether the guests would be here on the date originally planned. So the dinner was called off and a regular meeting scheduled instead.

At 5.00 P. M., JERRY and FRED arrived and were greeted by the famous "Man who wasn't There." We finally got together at the hall about 8.30. There were 15 members and a swell group of alibies present.

In honor of the visitation even MCCORMICK turned out.

FRED had to leave for Cleveland before the meeting was called to order. He invited the boys to join his gang for the Boston Convention, which some of us probably will do.

JACK GUITTAUD called the meeting to order and turned it over to JERRY to install the officers for this year. They are:
Commander, ELMER BRACKETT, (Slats); Sr. V.C., DAVE SWARTZ, (Coke); Jr. V.C., FRANCIS CLARK; Secretary, CHAS. H. SMITH; Treasurer, PETE SADY; Chaplain, SAM ZUSSMAN; Service Officer, DICK SCANLON; Sgt.-at-Arms, EMIL RAGNA.

Following the induction of Officers, a short talk by JERRY and a little discussion we adjourned for coffee and doughnuts.

Sorry the Commander couldn't stay longer so we could show him our fair city where every one is running around dodging subpoenas, where they put the sheriff in his own jail and the indictments are thicker than skeeters in a Jersey mud flat.

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VT.

Congratulations and best wishes to the newly formed Franklin County (Vt.) Chapter. They have a swell Commander in old "Bones" LOCKLIN and any chapter that get old "Stud" WITHINGTON tangled up in prayer is sure made of sturdy stuff. How age does mellow some folks.

— C. H. SMITH.

CONCORD, N. H.

The following Officers of Concord Chapter, YDVA., were elected and installed by Dept. Commander EUGENE DUGAS on April 19, 1940:

Commander, EUGENE GEBO; Sr. V.C., VICTOR KETCHUM; Jr. V.C., GEORGE FEDOR; Secretary, NELSON LACLAIR; Treasurer, LEON MAGEE; Chaplain, JOHN KETCHUM.

Lunch was served after the installation.

— L. N. MAGEE.

MONTPELIER-BARRE
"Washington County Chapter"

Commander: Abiel M. Smith
30 Bailey Ave., Montpelier, Vt.
Secretary: Ralph A. Lawliss
51 Elm St., Barre, Vt.

Our April meeting was held at the City Hall in Montpelier, Vermont, Wednesday evening, at 8 P. M. Ten members were present and the following officers were elected:

Commander, JOE ABAIR, (Co. F, Amm. Tr.); V. Comm., JOHN MACDONALD, (Co. C, 101st M.G. Bat.); Secretary, RALPH LAWLISS, (Co. M, 102nd Inf.); Treasurer, EDWARD MEE, (Co. A, 101st Amm. Tr.).

The Boston Convention was discussed and everybody up here is very enthusiastic about attending. We should have at least ten from our Chapter in Olde Beane Towne. Incidentally here is a list of members who came up here to live from Boston within recent years and we've all decided that when we attend the Convention we are going to take in "all" the tours and find out what Boston is all about. You know they say that the way to learn about a big city is to move away from it.

EDDIE MEE (Co. A, 101st Amm. Tr.) moved here in 1933 from West Roxbury. He is Office Manager, U. S. and Vermont Historical Survey.

ABE SMITH (Batt. E, 103rd F.A.) moved here in 1935 from Boston. He is Vermont representative for Carter, Rice Company, (paper) Boston.

ENOCH LYMAN (Co. D, 101st Eng.) moved here in 1938 from Boston, Proprietor Little Valley Farm Restaurant, Montpelier-Northfield Road. Excellent food and liquor! If ever up this way look him up.

LESTER J. CHEYNE (Co. A, 101st Amm. Tr.) moved here in 1929 from Quincy. Proprietor Green Mountain Stationery Co., Barre, (office equipment and gift store).

ABE SMITH (Batt. E, 103rd F.A.) would like to hear from an old buddy SPIKE MEEHAN (Co.E, 102nd Inf.). If you read this SPIKE be sure to look up Abe in Boston at the big Shin-dig. Abe is still a swell pianist. He sure can tickle the ivories!

Once again the old YD crashes through! Saturday, April 27th, the Barre Rifle and Pistol Club's "A" team won the 5-man Rifle Team Championship, State of Vermont, defeating five other teams at the Annual Rifle Shoot, held at Norwich Armory, Northfield, Vermont. LES CHEYNE (Co. A, 101st Amm. Tr.), qualified rifle expert, National Rifle Association, 1940, has been on this team all year. The New England Championship shoot will be Tuesday evening, April 30th.

We are all looking forward to having JOE ABAIR as our Commander again. He has what it takes!

See you all in June.

— RALPH LAWLISS, Sec.

GRANDSHAW NOW AN ARMORER

Word has been received that EZRAEL J. GRANDSHAW is now Chief Armorer at the Pittsfield State Armory. He would like to have any of the boys who might be passing through stop in and say "Hello, Buddy, old Boy." Reports are that the Armory is in pretty good shape with nice showers and toilets. GRANDSHAW was a former member of Co. F, 104th Infantry.

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